A Europe Marching to Bonn's Tune On Currency

Monetary Leadership Assured by Acceptance Of New 'Stability Pact'

> By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribus

PARIS - In a matter of days, new German conditions likely to determine Europe's economic policy choices into the next century have been laid out — and accepted by much of the European Union, with only the barest public debate.

Indeed, both France and the European Commission have agreed in recent days to German demands for tough new restrictions on economic policy that would govern the actions of any natioo taking part in European Under current plans, those nations qualifying are to come together in a monetary union beginning in 1999 and taking final effect by 2002.

In making its wishes clear to all, and in also seeking ways to punish governments

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even after monetary union, Bonn has flexed its muscles. And with instant suc-

As a result, and whether mooetary union begins sooner or later than planned, the German government has in effect called the shots that will determine the shape of much of Europe's economic and political destiny well past the millenium. (Page 15)

The new restrictive terms, proposed last weekend by the German finance minister, Theo Walgel, and endorsed by the Bundesbank, include a demand that single-currency member nations eventually go beyond the precondition of keeping annual budget the first to him of keeping annual

pact would take Europe well beyond the Maastricht treaty on integration and require EMU members to aim for a budget bills in question. deficit of just I percentage point of GDP in The real issue periods of economic growth.

In a certain sense, with the new demands, Germany's domination of the European integration process is merely being continued in a more explicit manner. The continued in a more explicit manner in the government from shutdown could be seen over the Republicans' plan to balance the budget by 2002.

Their concern, officials said, is that the creation of the original single-currency plan under Maastricht was already on Ger-man terms, with guidelines that mirrored

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SINGAPORE - Singapore Airlines dustrie.

Ltd., even-handed in the past with business

for Boeing Co. and rival Airbus Industrie, ordered as many as 77 Boeing jets worth \$12.7 billion Tuesday but gave Airbus

The Boeing order is the biggest com-mercial-aircraft order ever in dollar terms,

said Borge Boeskov. Boeing's vice president of product strategy.

Boeing's 777 was favored in the bidding against the Airbus 330, but the size of the

order came as a surprise. Officials at the airline had earlier hinted only that the order

would be for "at least" 33 medium-size,

medium-range planes.
In another st tirse, Singapore Airlines selected Rolls-Re, ce's Trent engines from

Britain to power the 61 Boeing 777s in-

engines. Rolls-Royce said the order is its

higgest ever, and could be worth \$1.8 bil-

with Airhus Industrie, the four-nation European consortium based in Toulouse,

We're of course disappointed that the announcement was not in our favor," said

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rector, Cheong Choong Kong.

France, for customers in Asia.

tended for its own fleet, which has used seats, mostly American-made Praft & Whitney Th

Boeing, Outpacing Airbus,

Gets World's Biggest Order



that fail to keep a very tight fiscal policy Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, after arriving in Japan on Tuesday to attend the APEC meeting.

U.S. Budget Battle Conceals Real Issue

Republicans and Clinton Dueling Over Balance by 2002

By John E. Yang and Ann Devroy Washington Post Service

budget deficits to just 3 percept of their gross domestic product.

Instead, Mr. Waigel's so-called stability

WASHINGTON — For all the vitriol all the finger-pointing and all the carefully staged photogenic events, the current bick-WASHINGTON — For all the vitriol. all the finger-pointing and all the carefully ering between the White House and Capitol Hill has very little to do with the actual

The real issue is not Medicare premiums, temporary approval to spend goverument money or even the government

For congressional Republican leaders. especially those in the House, the goal is getting President Bill Clinton to the table to negotiate a deal on their terms to wipe out the deficit in seven years. They hope to use

Sean Lee, a spokesman for Airbus In-

The Singapore carrier said that 34 of the orders for the 777 aircraft were firm and that

43 were options, with the aircraft scheduled for delivery between 1997 and 2004.

that a principal reason for choosing the

Boeing 777 was its size, which offers the

potential for increased profits. "The Boeing 777 is larger than the Airbus 330 by 10

percent on average," he said.

The airline, which picked the 777 after

seven months of study, was persuaded in part because Boeing offers related models of the same plane, Mr. Cheong said. Sin-

gapore Airlines has the right to choose models like the long-range 777-100 or the 777-300, a 350-seat stretched version of the basic 777-200, which has about 300

The 777-100 is of particular interest

At a news conference, Mr. Cheong said

his current intransigence to help build their come over budget reconciliation, the bill case that the president does not really want that will set out the budget structure for to balance the budget at all.

'The president has shown no willingness — zero willingness — to get to a balanced budget," the speaker of the House. Newt Gingrich, said Monday

But to the White House, concessions now on interim spending levels to keep the

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as concessions forever. (The government sent 800,000 workers home Tuesday in the cuts, however temporary, would mark a budget battle. Page 3.1 Officials have re-peatedly argued that the current fight is goulations rather than something far below necessary to lay the rhetorical and policy groundwork for the much bigger battle to

years to come.

As the White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, put it, agreeing to the provisions of the "continuing resolution" passed Monday by the Senate to fund the government for two weeks until something else can be done would risk establishing a Climon baseline.

While focusing their public anger on the bill's increases in Medicare premiums. White House officials are far more con-

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cabinet meeting set for Thursday.

and immediately ousted

when it goes to Parliament.

summary expulsions.

Asia Backs Away From Free Trade

Japan Police Nail Down **Security Lid**

By Kevin Sullivan

TOKYO - Like most carpenters. Noboru Sasamori occasionally uses a nail-gun. But while President Bill Clinton is in Japan, that power tool will be locked up, and if Mr. Sasamori drives any spikes, he will use an old-

The police sent letters to all 40,000 registered nail-gun owners in the country, asking them to "try their best" to keep the tools at home during the economic summit meeting in Osaka this week and Mr. Clinton's state visit to Tokyo.

The police department's direct-mail campaign is part of a \$40 million se-

curity blitz that has a flavor and fervor peculiarly Japanese.

Policemen personally visited the homes of 1,500 motorcycle gang members and asked them to behave themselves this week. They rousted noodie veodors and searched sewers.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings will be held in Osaka Castle, parts of which date to the 16th century. Policemen painstakingly rappelled down the castle's great stone walls checking for terrorist bombs. They dredged the moat, twice. Only a few top policemen in Japan

are expert marksmen, so 1,200 policemen fired thousands of rounds in recent months on target practice. The crash course included evasive driving and cooversational English.

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In all, 25,000 policemen will be oo duty. That's 10 percent of the nation's police force, and two and a balf officers to guard each of the 10,000 guests expected.

The assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has caused the police to ratchet up security measures that were already integrally high because of do-

already unusually high because of do-mestic concerns. The Japanese have lingering anxiety about the Aum re-ligious cult, which is charged in an attack on the Tokyo subways last March that killed 11 people and in-jured 5,000 more. At least five Aum

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Protectionism Deals Blow to U.S. Objective

By Michael Richardson

OSAKA, Japan -- Under pressure from protectionist interests at home, countries in Asia and the Pacific are retreating from a plan to turn the region into the world's largest free-trade area, officials said Tues

The shift is a blow to hopes of liberalizing global trade and marks a major trade set-back for the United States, analysts said.

The retreat from the plan by APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation torum, to abolish barriers to the free flow of goods, services and capital is evident in a draft declaration of APEC leaders.

The draft, a copy of which was obtained Tuesday by the International Herald Tribune, makes no mention of free trade or the target dates for achieving it. Previously, APEC had set target dates of between 2010 and 2020.

Instead, the draft says that APEC "will achieve trade and investment liberalization steadily and progressively."

The document will be discussed by

APEC foreign and trade ministers Thursday and Friday, before being passed to leaders of the group on Sunday for final approval.

The draft, which was prepared by Japan, the current leader of the 18-member group, is apparently an effort to paper over a dispute that has arisen within APEC.

APEC economies, driven by the strong performance of East Asia in recent years. account for 59 percent of world output and nearly 47 percent of global trade, a recent

Australian government study shows.

Several APEC members, including the United States, Australia, Canada, Singapore and Hoog Kong — all economies with relatively low tariffs — maintain that this trade growth can best be sustained by a trade growth can best be sustained by a

regioo-wide commitment to deregulation.
But other APEC countries, among them
Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan,
Malaysia and the Philippines, are refusing to allow decisions on tariff reductions for agriculture and other sensitive sectors of their economies, which could throw large numbers of people out of work, to be dictated by an APEC liberalization agreement.

"How can developing countries be expected to deregulate weak domestic industries?" said Shi Min, bead of China's Asia-Africa Development Research Insti-

tute in Beijing.
The United States has strongly backed free trade within APEC as an assured way of opening markets in East Asia and reducing its huge trade surplus with the re-gion, especially Japan and China. American officials said they would con-

sider compromise wording in the APEC trade plan that would allow members with sensitive economic sectors some flexibility in removing trade barriers, provided that be accomplished by the previously agreed target dates of 2010 and 2020.

But Japan is reportedly proposing that the group accept the principle of flexibility without attaching any deadlines.

The content and tone of the new draft are

significantly different from the 1994 declaration made by the leaders in Bogor, Indonesia. Then, APEC members said they were committed to achieve "free and open trade and investment" in the Asia-Pacific region by 2010 for developed economies and "no later than" 2020 for developing

Under APEC consensus rules, the group can only act if there is no strong opposition from any member. China this week de-scribed APEC's free-trade plan as unre-alistic, while Malaysia said it was non-

Evidently realizing that they must make concessions, APEC members that want a stronger liberalization accord are seeking to put a positive gloss on the retreat.

They also are backing away from earlier warnings that the group could break up because of disagreements over a number of contentious issues, including lowering bar-

riers to trade in sensitive areas Gareth Evans, Australia's foreign minister who will arrive in Osaka on Wednesday to take part in the APEC meetings, said in Sydney on Tuesday that there was "a reasonable basis for optimism" that agriculture would be included in APEC trade

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Italy Split Over Illegal Immigrants ROME (Reuters) — Italy was divided on Tuesday over the issue of illegal im-migrants as Prime Minister Lamberto Di-

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U.S. Officials Join Saudis in Bomb Probe

leagues Tuesday, lifting tangled metal and other debris left by the bomb that destroyed a U.S.-run military training center. Five Americans and a Filipino were tilled and 60 people wounded in the blast Monday. A seventh person died Tuesday

because it could fly nonstop between Singapore and Los Angeles, Mr. Cheong

Other EuropeEn companies that will The new planes will be used mostly on busy Asian routes, where older Airbus benefit from the order through work for 310s are too small for the growing traffic, Boeing are Smiths Industries PLC of said the Singapore carrier's managing di-Britain, which makes avionics; Sicma Aero Seat SA in France, which makes seats; Boeing already has orders in Asia for its France's Sogerma SA, a maker of airplane 7775 from Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways galleys; General Electric Co. PLC of Britain, which supplies in-flight systems; gapore purchase appears to be a coup for and MTU, which is part of Daimler-Benz the Seattle manufacturer in its competition (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters) Аетоѕрасе.

RIYADH (AP) -- A dozen U.S. investigators joined hundreds of Saudi col-

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A woman going home with a pane of glass as normality resumes in Sarajevo. Peace talk efforts were made to end a standoff on land. Page 7.

Alienation and Anger of Native Arabs Alarm French Authorities

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - Rachid Fecih has always felt like a stranger. Born and raised in France, the 30-year-old son of Algerian immigrants belongs to a lost generation of North Africans who have never been accepted by French society and have never felt any

links to their ancestral lands. As he discussed the situation with several friends in a seedy cafe on the outskirts of Paris, not far from the bleak suburban ghetto that he and many im-migrants call home, Mr. Feeih's friendly, easygoing demeanor hardened into a look of cold hate and

There are millions of us who feel excluded and

unwanted," he said. "A lot of us think since we have nothing to lose, we might as well turn to violence to get some respect. There is so much disgust around wounded more than 170 since July, prompting the french investigators say they believe they cracked."

I be said. "A lot of us think since we have nothing to lose, we might as well turn to violence to of bombings in France has killed seven people and wounded more than 170 since July, prompting the french investigators say they believe they cracked here that one day the authorities will wake up and find deployment of more than 40,000 police and soldiers they are fighting a civil war."

In secent weeks, the resentment felt by Mr. Fecih Arab youths. and other young North Africans has exploded in spasms of rage and violence across France. The men and politicians.

The immediate trigger for the violence was the shooting of Khaled Kelkal, 25, an Algerian imhere that the government believes were orchestrated by Islamic radicals in Algeria battling to overthrow the street. I think the police wanted to teach us all a

in a security crackdown that has focused on many

designated France's "most wanted criminal" when rioting, shooting and looting that erupted around his fingerprints were found on an unexploded bomb Paris. Lyon and Strasbourg stunned French policenear a high-speed rail line. A television cameraman his fingerprints were found on an unexploded bomb accompanied the authorities during the final chase and Mr. Kelkal's death was broadcast on television. "They never even gave him a chance," said migrant accused of involvement in terrorist attacks. Mustafa Saouli, 28, an unemployed mechanic.

Mr. Kelkal was hunted down and killed after being

"They just shot him like a dog and let him lie there in

several important terrorist cells after arresting a suspected ringleader, Boualem Bensaid, a 28-year-old Algerian. They also persuaded the British police to arrest and hold for extradition another Algerian. Rachid Ramda, known as Abu Fares, who they think may be the mastermind of the bombings.

But one of the most troubling aspects of the investigation, French officials say, is the tealization that anti-government Islamic militants in Algeria, a former French colony, have penetrated deeply into France's immigrant communities and recruited there

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Quebec's Separatists: 'We're Stronger Than Ever'

By Anne Swardson Washington Post Service

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HICOUTIMI, Quebec - Almost as soon as Marc-André Bedard, longtime leader of the separatist movement in this region, stepped out of the car into the snowy parking lot, the elderly, a well-dressed matron accosted him.

'We were close this time," she said with a big smile. "It won't be long." It will continue," agreed Mr. Bedard, and

kissed her on both cheeks before she went on

Old and young, rich and poor, they are almost all separatists up here. Along the Saguenay River, which branches off the St. Lawrence north of Quebec City, few are discouraged that Quebeckers narrowly voted last

week to stay in Canada. Instead, they point to the narrowness of the margin barely over 1 percent — and say it will add momentum to the separatist movement.

Separatism is not defeat-ed, they say; it is stronger than ever. The strength of their opinions shows that Canada is a long way from resolving the Quebec situ-

"It's a fundamental question of existence," said Mr. Bedard, 59, "Are we a people or are we not? If we are. we should be sovereign. We should be at the table with the international community. It's a society, it's a way of thinking, it's a history, it's a view of the future. It's not just a language."
To many Americans, se-

ceding from a prosperous, developed country seems unthinkable, Even English Ghislain Bouchard, a Quebec historian who remembers when English was dominant, with his daughter, Stephanie. Canadians, who have lived

with a restive Quebec for more than 30 years. | hy Francophones. demonstrated before the Oct. 30 referendum that they do oot fully understand what it is that separatist Quebeckers want,

Interviews here, the region of Quebec most committed to separation, with a pro-secessioo vote of more than 70 percent, reveal a point of view fundamentally at odds with the ootioo of a Canadian federation. How can Quebec ever be one of 10 equal provinces, they ask, when it is at heart a nation? Why not take the steps to nationbood, bowever daring, if that is its des-

tiny?
"It's riskier to be a minority in another country than to be a majority in our own country," said Mr. Bedard's son and law partner, Stephane, 27, an organizer for the proseparation campaign during the referendum.

For some, separatist views are the product of a long history of oppression and poverty. A historian, Ghislain Bouchard, points out that | Bouchard said over lunch at an inn over-

and some of the political institutions. When his father, a skilled electrician, worked for the Saguenay Electric Co. in 1930, his boss spoke no French and used an interpreter to speak to the 99 percent of company employees who spoke little or no English.

"I can remember taking the train to Chicoutimi in 1950, and the railway conductors didn't speak a word of French," Mr. Bouchard said.

Things have changed since then, however. This industrial region, producer of paper, wood and aluminum, is almost entirely Freoch-speaking — 97.5 percent of the 225,000 inhabitants are native speakers of French, according to census figures. The regioo's political and economic structure is run

Eveo though unemployment, at 14.2 per-

cent, is a bit higher than the average for Que-

bec, this is a modern economy. Separatists here

are as likely to be lawyers and professors as

- is the leader of the separatist party in the

Many local residents were disgusted by the

outpouring of affection, letters, faxes and mass

demonstrations across Canada immediately

before the referendum vote urging Quebeckers

to vote no to separation.
"It was a farce, shocking," Ghislain

House of Commons and is considering be-

his also is the home region of Lucien

Bouchard, who was born down the

road on the shores of Lac St. Jean. Mr.

Bouchard — no relation to Ghislain

they are farmers or union members.

coming premier of Quebec.

Stephanie, 26: "To come two days before the

vote — it was way too late."

To separatists like these — or sovereignists, as they prefer to be called — Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, both native Frenchspeakers from Quebec who worked to retain Quebec in Canada, are collaborators. These sovereignists are not discouraged by the fact that 40 percent of Quebec's own Francophones voted against separation.

In their view, the people of Quebec have repeatedly made compromises to stay in Canada, by voting 60-40 against separation in a similar referendum in 1980 and by approving the Meech Lake package of constitutional reforms that failed to pass elsewhere in Canada

until about 30 years ago, English-speakers | looking the offshoot of the Saguenay known as | this river valley, and others who have made controlled nearly all the businesses in Quebec | the Baie des Ha!Ha! Added his daughter | trips say they don't see much reason to go anywhere else.
"I went to Ottawa for one day; I saw it was

rich, with our money," said Pascal Tremblay, 20, a student at the University of Quebec at

n an interview at the university, Mr. Tremblay and two other students argued passionately for Quebec independence, making informed points about the Canadian national debt and future budget cuts, the breakdown of the social consensus in Canada generally, whether an independent Quebec could use the Canadian dollar, and the perceived interference of other Canadians in the Quebec vote. But what also emerged was a deep desire for power over their own destiny.
"We now control our

own economy. Why shouldn't we control our country?" he asked.

To the students, and to adhereots many sovereignty here, Quebec independence would unleash a torrent of creativity and productivity, more than compensating for any loss of subsidies and benefits from Ottawa, the capital.

Marcel Martel, the mayor of nearby Jooquiere, enviwith powers passed on by an enlightened government in Quebec City.

By its very definition, nanonalism raises the question: nationalism for whom? Mr. Parizeau underlined the Achilles heel of sovereignty on referendum night, when he said the cause had been beaten by "money and the ethnic vote." In Montreal. he was widely criticized, by

in 1990. Now, they say, it is time for Quebec to | federalists but also hy fellow separatists. Here, proponents of an independent Quebec say their vision includes all Quebeckers, regardless of language. But there is also a feeling of homogeneity. When Lucien Bouchard says in his speeches. "We are a people," they know he is talking about them.

Mr. Parizeau "said too loud what everyone thinks," said Mr. Martel. "You can't say that in a democracy, but it's true. Unfortunately, it was interpreted as racist, but it's not. It's

Who is feeding Asia's people, building its roads and houses, putting up its phone lines and power stations? For the most part, it is not American or European multinationals but family conglomerates.

Seed Germinates After 1,200 Years

Ancient Lotuses Suggest Aging Can Be Slowed

Los Angeles Times Service promising insight into how to them. slow the aging process.

oldest known to germinate, scientists report. Should researchers discover the secrets of the lotus — a sacred plant that in Buddhism symbolizes purity and longevity — the benefits could span from hardier crop seeds to a skin cream that thwarts wrinkles.

"Life can be much longer than we ever expected," said Jane Shen-Miller, a UCLA plant physiologist and lead author of the research article that appears in the November issue the American Journal of Botany.
"We certainly have much to

learn," she said, about how lotus seeds "can survive 1,000 years of rest.

Ms. Sheo-Miller acquired seven of the lotus seeds, which look like dark brown, peanutsized fontballs, while visiting the Beijing Institute of Botany

Chinese botanists had unearthed the seeds several decades earlier from a dry lake bed in northeast China, near the border with Korea.

The following year, Ms. Shen-Miller soaked four of the seeds in water after filing off part of their hard outer husks to allow moisture to reach the youngest seed to Mr. Clarke, a partly dried-out ceoters. Each day, she peered at them.

Then on the fourth day, the lips started to open, and I saw a whelming.

Shen-Miller's collaborators, ple to plants. the UCLA biochemist Steven Clarke, "It's almost as if you tus, wrapped it up in a hard shell, and then threw it out into ry," Mr. Clarke said. the environment for one year, 10 years, 50 years.

short as their hibernation was said.

long, however, "The moment I LOS ANGELES — After saw they have sprouted, I sleeping for 12 centuries at the burned them," Ms. Shenbottom of a Chinese lake, a Miller said. Carbon dating the lotus seed has sprouted under the care of a UCLA botanist. seedlings required drying them in a 100-degree oven, killing A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR

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One seed turned out to be The seed is thought to be the 1,288 years old by the dating method. Even factoring in the imprecision of carbon dating give or take nearly 300 years -the seed had settled to the lake bottom centuries before Marco Polo reached China.

A second seedling grew from a 684-year-old seed, while a rain storm destroyed the third before it could be dated. The fourth seed, which failed to revive, was tested to be 755 years

While the sprouting seeds were thought to be important, and Ms. Shen-Miller presented the results at a scientific meeting at the time, the research was not published until now.

She returned to the remaining three seeds last year when a new dating technique allowed her to determine their ages from a sliver of the outer coating. leaving the rest undamaged. Their ages: 95, 332 and 416 years old.

The 416-year-old one did not grow. The next-oldest seed did sprout and lived for nine months in Ms. Shen-Miller's courtyard, but because of her gardening inexperience, did not survive to flower a second year. she said.

She gave the third and specialist on aging. His rezyme called MT --- short for Lisoapartyl methyltransferase little green thing," Ms. Shen-Miller said. "It was over-ically appear in strands of proically appear in strands of pro-teins. MT is present in most According to one of Ms. creatures, from bacteria to peo-

Mr. Clarke found the enzyme? in the lotus seed as well, "If this took a woman who's one or two enzyme was not there, then months pregnant, took the fe- you'd have to say 'There's something wroog with the sto-

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More surprising, the enzyme also appeared as robust as that The seeds' revival was as found in modern day seeds, he

Briton and Norwegian in '95 Rerun of Scott-Amundsen

By Steve Vogel Washington Post Service

Roger Mear, 45, and Boerge

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Wednesday

Ousland, 33, veteran polar explorers, each launched his expedition in recent days, atney on earth, "Mr. Ousland

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Supported. Traveling on foot and skis, with oo dogs to pull lnevitably, the trek is draw-ing comparisons to the leg-ing stay alive during the 1,680-mile (2,800-kilometer) journey.
"It's the last unclaimed chal-Scott and the Norwegian Roald

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED Norwegian expedition. On the 40 miles. return trip, Scott and his team

> supply depot. Now, more than 80 years later, the British press has seized on Mr. Mear and Mr. Ousland as a British-Norwegian re-match; one newspaper, the In-

perished in a hlizzard just 11

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between expeditions led by the 15 miles a day. Mr. Mear set out British explorer Robert Falcon on Nov. 4, Mr. Ousland three

stand oo its own.

through North America."

the day after the vote.

'We have our own political point of view

much more than language," said Mr. Bedard as he and Stephane chain-smoked through

long interview in their law office. "We resist,

for instance, the current of the right running

The region is not 100 percent separatist,

though those who are not sometimes pay a

price. Aline Huni, a junior college teacher who

heads the local chapter of a pro-English-lan-

guage group called Alliance Quebec, said

some of her students refused to even say hello

Like other regions of Quebec, this one has ties to the outside world. It exports large quan-

tities of what it produces; it sends trade delegations to China, Morocco, Russia,

Venezuela. But many residents never leave

days later, each starting from a a long and difficult journey that different site on Berkner Island you can hardly call it a race." Amundsen's team reached in the frozen Weddell Sea, the pole in December 1911, about 2,000 miles south of about a month ahead of Scott's. Chile. But bad weather slowed A day away from his goal, Scott Mr. Mear, and as of Sunday had the hitter experience of both had traveled about the coming upon tracks left by the same distance - roughly 35 to

If all goes as planned, some-time in mid-February one of miles (18 kilometers) from a them will be the first to cross the cootineot alone and reach New Zealand's Scott Base on the Ross Sea. There is little margin for error, in the ruthless effort to minimize the loads they are carrying, each man has taken only enough food for 100 days. In recent telephone inter-

views from Punta Arenas,

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Mr. Mear said, "but obviously have even arranged to have neither one of us wants to be their updated positions carried second.' Mr. Ousland said, "It's such

Last year, Mr. Ousland became the first man to cross the North Pole alone and unsupported. It was a dangerous trip

on an earlier Arctic venture,

he had to shoot a charging polar bear with a .44 magnum pistol. Mr. Mear is an accomplished Himalayan guide and photographer who led a three-man team on the first unsupported trip to the South Pole in 1985-1986, following the route charted by Scott. He also seems well suited to solo travel, having

been described as a "grumpy bugger" by a colleague. Why undertake such an arduous journey? "Just being in the Antarctic is part of the reason," said Mr. Mear. "Having the continent to yourself for three mooths is part of it, and it's an opportunity to answer the question: Is it possible to go

across Antarctica alone?" and Mr. Ousland have set off at the same time is partly coincidence, partly a result of steady advances in cold-climate insulation techniques and satellite

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Each made his plans unaware of the other, but both are carrying location finders that will gress and send a rescue aircraft should the need arise. Both daily on the World Wide Weh (Mr. Ousland's address is bttp:/ /Nettvik.no/Ousland: Мr. Mear's is www.theplanet.net/

soloantarctica/). Neither man is carrying a radio — they are of little use in Antarctica because of magnetic storms - so neither will know until his journey ends if he was beaten across the continent.

Compared with earlier Antarctic journeys, this one is "oot less dangerous," said Mr. Mear. "The difference is if you mess up, the consequences are not as great."

Nooetheless, the challenges facing both men on the unforgiving continent are immense. Both of them have a difficult journey ahead, because Antarc-tica is ruled by nature," said Anne Kershaw, who operates Advecture Network in Punta Arenas, the firm that flew both meo to Antarctica. "No one, despite technology, can overcome that fact."

Three years ago, two Britons The fact that both Mr. Mear traveling the same trans-Antarctic route together but with no other support hauled their sledges 1,384 miles to the Ross Ice Shelf before being airlifted off, suffering from severe frostbite and weight loss.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Eurostar Unveils Expansion Plans LONDON - The Channel Tunnel rail service linking the British capital with Paris and Brussels celebrated its first anniversary Tuesday with the announcement of 10 million additional seats planned for its second year.

Almost three million people have taken the train between Londoo and Paris or London and Brussels since the first Eurostar service on Nov. 14, 1994, according to a spokesman for European Passenger Services.

Overnight trains from Scotland, oorthern England and the Midlands to Paris will start next year, along with overnight trains from London to Holland and Germany, he said.

Louvre to Be Free One Day a Month. PARIS - The Louvre will charge no entry fee one day a month

as part of a plan to make museums more accessible to the public; Culture Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said Tuesday.

The entry fee will be eliminated on the first Sunday of every

month starting in January, a spokesman for the museum confirmed.

The usual fee is 40 francs (\$8) until 3 P.M. and 20 francs from 3 P.M to closing time.

Tallest Hotel Is Planned Off Dubai 🕟

DUBAI, United Arah Emirates — Chicago Beach Resort has unveiled plans to build the world's tallest hotel on an artificial island in the Gulf.

Guests will reach the 321-meter-high hotel by bridge, yacht or helicopter, company officials said. The 26-story botel will be part of a complex including a 600-room hotel on shore and a park with beachside villas.

Tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka dropped in September for the first time in a year, and resort hotel operators are concerned that attacks by Tamil guerrillas could scare more visitors away. But tourist board sources said that the September decline of 0.8 perceot did not necessarily indicate a trend.

China will turn a panda breeding center into a tourist destination where the endangered animals can be viewed in their natural habitat, Xinhua press agency said. China Panda World will be established at the fnot of Mount Futou in southwestern Sichuair Province, where an estimated 1,000 pandas live in the wild. It will be opened by the year 2020, the agency said.

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Japan Officials 'Understanding' **About Clinton's Shortened Visit**

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese officials expressed "understanding" on Tuesday about Pres-ident Bill Clinton's decision to shorten his , prip to an Asian economic summit meeting in Japan later this week.

The White House on Monday shortened Mr. Clinton's planned trip to Japan from the planned six days to an extended weekend because of the budget standoff in Washington with Congress. Mr. Clinton will meet Sunday with lead-

ers of Asia-Pacific countries in Osaka and travel to Tokyo for a state visit to Japan. He is to leave Washington Friday night and return home Tuesday morning.

The shortened schedule means Mr. Clin-

ton will miss one of the main events of the Asia-Pacific summit meeting, a dinner with the region's leaders Saturday night, a Japanese official said Tuesday.

The official, briefing reporters in Osaka, said all the other Asia-Pacific leaders were scheduled to attend the banquet, making Mr. Clinton the only oo-show.
Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher

is expected to take the president's place.

The government spokesman, Koken Nosaka, said that it was "indeed regretstay, but added that the Japanese govtable" that Mr. Clinton had to cut back his .House's position.



Newt Gingrich, left, and Bob Dole shepherding Republicans to White House talks with President Clinton.

POLITICALNOTES

Republicans Exchange Fire

WASHINGTON - A week before a high-stakes straw poll in Florida, Republican presidential candidates are engaging in the kind of blistering negative earlier fund raising and earlier primary calendar for attacks that are usually reserved for the heat of a Republican presidential contenders in 1996, the acid

Senator Bob Dole of Kansas has begun a telephone and direct mail campaign devoted to alerting delegates that his main rival, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, missed several votes related to the Republican manifesto, the Contract With America.

Mr. Gramm has sent some of his Florida field workers a mailing of his own; a biography of another candidate, former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, that runs from the serious to the downright silly. In addition to passages devoted to Mr. skew the results by buying more tickets. Alexander's 'ethical problems,' the document discloses: "Incidents such as pelting out-of-state cars with snowballs earned Alexander at least two paddlings in school."

Though he is not one to shrink from harsh attacks himself, Mr. Alexander tried on Monday to capitalize in on the personal and campaign finances of a Utah on all the mud - calling it "disgraceful activity" -by presenting himself as Mr. Clean.

Phil Gramm is the Darth Vader of negative politics," said Nelson Warfield, Mr. Dole's campaign spokesman, "and his complaints about hard- Salt Lake City, issued a statement Monday saying edged campaigning in Florida just add hypocrisy to his list of credits."

Mr. Warfield also went after Mr. Alexander for being "conveniently indignant" about negative campaiging. Mr. Warfield said: "Question for

Lamar: Remember your mud in New Hampshire?"
Perhaps it should have been expected that with the Republican presidential contenders in 1996, the acid assaults would also follow a stepped-up schedule.

But more than anything else, the vituperation has been prompted by Presidency III, a popularity poll of about 3,000 Republicans this weekend in Orlando. The event has taken oo unexpected importance because the major candidates have all called it a major FBI. test of their viability, and have poured significant amounts of money and time into wooing delegates in Florida. The event is considered a legitimate test because unlike other straw polls, candidates cannot

FBI Inquires, Husband Goes

WASHINGTON --- As federal investigators zero congresswoman, Representative Enid Greene Waldholtz, her office said that her husband had van-

Mrs. Waldholtz, 37, a freshman Republican from that her husband, Joe Waldholtz, bas been missing from their Washington home since Saturday.

Mrs. Waldholtz has had a relatively high profile on Capitol Hill, in part because she gave birth to the couple's first child in August and because she was the first freshman appointed to the powerful Rules Committee in 70 years.

In her statement, Mrs. Waldholtz said that she was conducting her own investigation, in addition to the other "external" investigations, and that she was severing her busband from her affairs.

Law-enforcement officials in Washington said the investigation was being run by federal prosecutors in Salt Lake City, who had asked for help from the

The Hill, a Capitol Hill oewspaper, has reported that the FBI has been examining the couple's tangled finances for some time. The newspaper said the FBI was looking into possible violations of federal spending laws, the co-mingling of campaign and personal money, and failure to pay personal and campaign

Quote /Unquote

Alana Rakien of New York as she tried to get a passport for her 2-year-old child; and the manager at of the passport office in Rockefeller Center refused to answer any more questions about the shutdown of the federal government as a result of the budget dispute between Congress and the president: "Ohh! I'd like to strangle that man!"

U.S., in Budget Deadlock, Lays Off 800,000 Workers

Talks Go On as Clinton Vetoes Riders

By Brian Knowlton rnational Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - With the White House and congressional leaders locked in a budget battle, the federal government on Tuesday ran out of money to pay its employees and sent 800,000 of them home with no clear sign of when they might be called back.

White House emissaries met with Republican budget leaders at midday, temporarily raising hopes for a solution. But in separate press conferences later, President Bill Clinton and top Republican leaders were bristling with anger and determination.

'I will continue to fight for the right kind of balanced budthe president said. He accused the Republicans of putting "ideology ahead of common sense and shared val-

Republicans said afterward that Mr. Clinton was avoiding the need to make difficult choices while seeking maximum political gain. "Mr. President," said Senator Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico, chairman of the Budget Committee, "you make things very difficult with the speech you made today.'

He accused the president of uttering "balf-truths," and other Republicans stopped just short of calling Mr. Clinton a

It was not clear what further meetings the two sides would

have Tuesday. But a White House spokesman, when asked if the gov-ernment would remain closed Wednesday, replied tersely,

Mr. Clinton met late Monday with the Republican leaders of the House and Senate, Just before that meeting, be had vetoed a short-term spending bill passed by the Republican-controlled Congress that would have kept the government

The president objected to a provision affecting the Medicare health program. Republicans now say they are prepared to drop that provision.

Mr. Clinton had also vetoed a bill to extend government borrowing authority, saying it would have tied the Treasury

secretary's hands.
The Treasury Department had to draw on government re-tirement funds to meet interest payments due this week. Reaction on stock and bond mar-

kets was muted Tuesday. Shortly before noon Monday, about 40 percent of non-military federal workers, including about 150,000 in the Washington area, were sent bome. The others, in jobs considered essential to health, safety or national security, re-

mained at work. This is the fourth time in 15 years that government employces have been sent home; no previous shutdown lasted more than four days.

Most of the nation's military remained at work, though some contractors feared the impact of a long-term stoppage. Four in five American diplomats around the world stayed at work, including those at the Bosnia peace talks near Dayton, Ohio.

But tourists visiting the Statue of Liberty were rounded up just 20 minutes after arriving and put back on the ferry for Manhattan. The Smithsonian

museums in Washington were

So was the National Zoo, though animals will be fed. It became clear Tuesday that the battle lines extend far beyond the measures the president

If Mr. Clinton would accept the Republican goal of balanc-ing the federal budget in seven years, said Representative Bob Livingston of Louisiana, "everything else is ancillary." Mr. Livingston is chairman of the Appropriations Comminee.

News Gingrich of Georgia, House speaker, said the problem could be resolved about 30 minutes" if Mr. Clinton would accept a seven-year

continuing deliveries.

Budget legislation that the Republicans are expected to complete by Friday would bring some of the higgest changes in federal spending since the Depression. The outcome of the current dispute ap-

tion year. Differences within each political party appeared to be slowing an agreement. Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, was said to have shown a willingness to compromise in the talks late Monday with Mr.

pears certain to reverberate into

the coming presidential elec-

But Mr. Gingrich showed less flexibility, citing pressure from hard-line young Republican congressmen.

Affected U.S. Services

Clinton.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - During the shutdown of the U.S. government, only workers deemed essential are staying on the job. This is how public services are being affected: MAIL: The Postal Service, which is self-supporting, is

TOURISM: National park visitor centers and monuments are closed. Many parks and battlefields will be open.

RETIREES: Social Security checks will be issued, but

oew applications cannot be processed. WELFARE: Checks and food stamps will continue. VETERANS: The Department of Veterans Affairs cannot issue its next checks Dec. 1 if the dispute is not settled by early

next week. No new claims will be processed. TRANSPORTATION: Essential safety personnel are at

work. Weather forecasting is continuing.

MEDICARE: Medicare is financed by a trust fund, so claims can be paid, but private contractors process the claims for the Health Care Financing Administration, which expects

the contractors to keep working.

MEDICAID: Medicaid and Aid to Families With Dependent Children will not be affected.

DEFENSE: All active duty military will report for duty. About 571,000 of the Defense Department's 866,000 civilian employees will also work. JUSTICE: Criminal investigations and prosecutions will

cootinue, but most civil cases will be postponed. TAXES: Quarterly tax payments will be collected, but the information hotline for taxpayers will not be answered.

Away From Politics

In NASA's first major space-station construction job, a rookie astronaut attached a docking tunnel to Atlantis to allow safer linkups with the orbiung Russian outpost Mir. Chris Hadfield, a Canadian, maneuvered a crane from inside Atlantis, completing the critical task as planned and apparently without a hitch. Installation of the 900-pound tunnel was an essential part of the sbuttle's second docking flight to Mir, and keeps Atlantis on track for a rendez-vous Wednesday. (AP)

A federal judge delayed Ohio's new abortion law that includes the nation's first ban on a rarely used late-term procedure in which the skull is collapsed before the fetus is removed from the womb. The judge issued a 10-day temporary restraining order delaying implementation.

A man whose death sentence was once overturned was executed by injection in Virginia for killing a supermarket owner and a store clerk during an attempted robbery in 1985. Herman C. Barnes, 31, was convicted in July 1986 for shooting to death the market owner. Clyde Jenkins, and a clerk, Mohammad Afifi. (AP)

· A walkway over a six-lane highway collapsed in Providence, Rhode Island, when it was struck by a tractor-trailer. Two people suffered minor in-

 Hate crimes reported to the police declined in 1994, with the number of related murders dropping from 20 to 13, the FBI said. The bureau said 5,852 hate crime incidents were reported during 1994, compared with 7.684 incidents in 1993. (AP)

• The Coast Guard has resumed searching for a charter fishing boat off North Bend, Oregon, after receiving a second SOS that the vessel was taking on water with 11 people aboard. A search after the first call last Tuesday turned up nothing and left authorities wondering if the call was a

prank.

AMERICAN TOPICS

For Sharks, a Bit of Human Is Usually Quite Enough

Shark attacks along the East Coast of the United States have increased by about 20 percent this year over last, according to Samuel Gruber of the University of Miami, probably because of stormier weather. More wind and surf bring out more sailboaters and surfers near the offsbore sandbars where sharks bang out.

Florida has had the most shark attacks, with 28 incidents as of early October, compared with 22 for all of 1994. Threeor four-foot black-tipped sharks are suspected in most of those attacks.

Yet no fatalities have been recorded in the United States this year. Fewer than 10 recorded since the 1950s, when reliable ginning to feel paranoid. I think every-statistics began to be kept. Nearly always, the shark takes one bite and darts away.

man meals? Mr. Gruber says sharks may just prefer seafood. Peter Klimley, a shark researcher at Bodega Marine Laboratory north of San Francisco, says people might

not be fat enough.

Fat has twice the energy value that muscle does," Mr. Klimley says. Seals and sea lions have a layer of fat, unlike birds, humans and sea oners." He said that sea otters, like people, were often

bitten but almost never eaten. In videotapes of sharks scavenging on a dead whale, Mr. Klimley said, they clearly concentrate oo the fat tissue, ignoring the rest of the animal.

About People

Mayor Richard Riordan of Los Angeles told this joke to Bill Clinton; a Riordan aide says the president got a big laugh out of it: The mayor is supposedly so depressed over negative press notices and attacks from political foes that he's decided to seek help from a psychiatrist. confirmed shark attack deaths have been The mayor tells the psychiatrist, I'm be-

Why don't sharks finish off their hu- | Mayor, not everyone in the world knows VOU.

Short Takes

A request by Winston Moseley for a retrial on a technicality has been turned down by a federal judge. Mr. Moseley. oow 61, is serving a life sentence for the murder 31 years ago of Kitty Genovese, a crime that became a metaphor for the failure of urban residents to belp fellow citizens in trouble. Mr. Moseley stalked and repeatedly stabbed Miss Genovese on a New York street. Most of the people who overheard her agonized screams lat-cr admitted they didn't want to get in-

Lunchtime conversation between mother and grown son in a New York restaurant, asreported to The New York Times Metropolitan Diary column:

Mother: I went to my doctor yesterday to find out bow I can lose some weight. Son: I can tell you how to do that. Eat more fruits and vegetables, and exer-

Mother: That's exactly what he said. But what kind of life is that? International Herald Tribune

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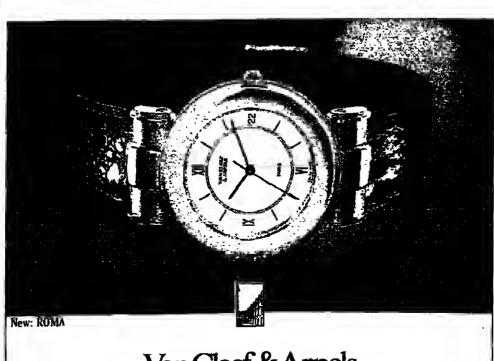
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Jiang, in Seoul, Joins in Criticism of Tokyo

SEOUL - President Jiang Zemin of China, on a visit here, joined South region and sought to ease fears a newly would have to fix the (expletive derich and powerful China was itself turn-pleted) bad habit this time."

ing militaristic.
'To allege that a stronger China will pose a threat to other countries is totally groundless." Mr. Jiang told the Navisit, the first ever by a Chinese president to South Korea.

Beijing, he pledged, would "never history can be erased!" take part in an arms race, never engage in expansion, never seek hegemony. The Chinese president's address

came after a -hour- 40-minute meeting with President Kim Young Sam and a joint news conference at which Mr. Kim abandoned diplomatic language to be-

"Since the establishment of Korea in 1948, it has been more than 30 times that Korea on Tuesday in harsh criticism of a Japanese leader has made crazy re-Japan's handling of its history in the marks." Mr. Kim said. "I thought I

> The harshness came a day after a Japanese minister, Takami Eto, resigned to salvage a planned meeting this weekend in Osaka between Mr. Kim and

tional Assembly on the second day of his Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama. Mr. Jiang, angrily stabbing the air with his fingers, said that "no part of

A half-century has passed since the end of World War II, he said, but "some politicians obstinately stick to a wrong view of history and deny the fact that Japan staged a war of aggression." Future friendly ties between Tokyo

and Beijing, Mr. Jiang said, depended

on Japan's having a correct view of its and the thorny problem of the standoff between North and South Korea.

'We have to be on the alert against the Japanese militaristic minority and urge Japan to have a correct perception of history and to pursue a peaceful path," Mr. Jiang said.

An official Chinese spokesman later clarified at a press conference here that Beijing had no intention of forming an alliance with South Korea or any other country on the Japanese history issue.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry, meanwhile, made public the text of a letter from Japan's prime minister. Tomiichi Murayamam to Mr. Kim, expressing his regrets for Japan's past 'from the bottom of my heart.'

The Japan "bashing," and what Mr. Jiang called "anxieties about a stronger China becoming a threat to other coun-

Mr. Jiang made no new statement on the North-South issue, other than to repeat that Beijing, the last ally of the fanatically isolated regime in North Korea, was urging dialogue between the two sides to reduce deep mistrust and teosions on the peninsula, and in North Asia as a whole.

Diplomats here saw the significance of the statement in the fact that it was made by Mr. Jiang in Seoul and not in Pyongyang, with some interpreting it as a oudge to the economically strickeo

North to come to the table. Mr. Kim on Tuesday brushed off China's sending thousands of "volunteers" to fight alongside North Korean troops in the 1950-53 Korean War, by saying history caused the des between us to be overshadowed bilateral issues severed for a time."

Toll Hits 44

From Nepal

Avalanches

KATMANDU, Nepal -

Rescue workers found seveo

more bodies Tuesday, raising to

44 the death toll from a week-

end storm that set off avalanch-

es and landslides in Nepal's

mountains. The search for

were still missing and that the toll could exceed 100 after a

series of avalanches in the

Officials said that dozens

stranded trekkers cootinued.

Warfare In Spratlys Is Unlikely, Timorese Seek Japanese Help

Asians Say

MANILA - China is un-

likely to go to war over the

Spratly Islands because it would

bring disaster to its economy

and enable its rivals, the United

States and Japan, to consolidate

their power in the region, se-

curity experts said on Tuesday.

snubbed by Beijing predicted that members of the Association

of Southeast Asian Nations, or

ASEAN, would close ranks

against China in case hostilities erupted in the disputed islands. Beijing's "inscrutable inten-tions" dominated discussions

among poliocal science ex-

perts, officials and diplomats

from the seven ASEAN coun-

tries and the United States.

Japan, South Korea, Taiwan. New Zealand and Canada.

was apparently that Beijing

would not risk an armed con-

frontation in the cluster of is-

lands in the South China Sea.

which potentially have oil re-

serves, because of the economic

and political costs a war would

"An armed conflict would

deal a severe blow to China's

economic development." Pro-

fessor You Ji of the University of

Canterbury in New Zealand

said, It would also "enable the

United States to consolidate its

presence in the area and offer

Japan a role to play as a political

power which would be contrary

The Manila think-tank Insti-

tute for Strategic and Develop-

ment Studies organized the

workshop to discuss the security

implications of a conflict in the

Philippines, Indonesia, Thai-

land, Singapore and Vietnam

But the ASEAN experts, in a

summary of their positions,

said "conflicts of various sorts

and extent" were possible ei-

ther by reason of accident,

provocacions and competition

echoed Mr. You's sentiments.

Experts from Malaysia, the

Spratlys.

to China's interests," he said.

The consensus that emerged

Several speakers at a three-

12-natioo workshop

JAKARTA -- Twenty-one East Timorese climbed a fence into the Japanese Embassy compound in Jakarta seeking

political asylum Tuesday.
"We need Japanese help," one man told reporters through

the metal perimeter fence he and his colleagues had scaled, He said they wanted political asylum in Japan. It was the third embassy break-in in the Indonesian capital

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in two months and came two days after the fourth anniversary of the so-called Santa Cruz massacre in East Timor's capital, Dili, Indonesia's annexation of East Tilmor nearly 20 years ago has not been recognized by the international com-

Manila Court Absolves Writer

MANILA - The Court of Appeals on Tuesday overturned verdict that former President Corazon Aquino had been libeled by a commentary that said she "hid under her bed" during a coup attempt against her in 1987. The court ruled that

it was "fair comment. A lower court found a political commentator, Luis Beltran, guilty in 1992 of criminal libel for the remark. Maximo Soliven, publisher of the Philippine Star, where the column

appeared, was also convicted. Judge Ramon Makasiar ordered the two imprisoned for up to two years and to pay 2 million pesos (\$76,000) in damages. Mr. Beltran, a popular newspaper, radio, and television commentator, died last year of a heart attack while his case was being appealed.

North Korean Nuclear Deal Near

SEOUL -- North Korea and an international consortium set up to provide it with two ouclear reactors have resolved most key problems and started working on language, ac-

cording to published reports Tuesday. South Korea's national news agency, Yonhap, quoted an unidentified South Korean government official as saying that the progress made so far was enough to guarantee a successful conclusion to talks that began in New York last month.

"About two more weeks would be needed to write details of agreement into a cootract," Yonhap quoted the official as

The agency said progress was made after North Korea retracted some of its demand for extras to go with two replacement reactors promised by the U.S.-led consortium under a 1994 nuclear agreement.

VOICES From Asia

Sitiveni Rabuka, an ethnic Fijian who is prime minister of Fiji. on the opposition to his country's readmission to the Commonwealth because of the 1987 coup that deposed a government dominated by ethnic Indians: "It is the existence of this blind and unreasoning opposition to Fiji which has deterred my government from actively seeking Fiji's re-

Shen Guofang, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, on plans by President Jiang Zemin to again raise the issue of U.S. relations with Taiwan if he meets President Bill Clinton in Japan this month: "Because the question of Taiwan is a sensitive issue and basic problem in Chinese-U.S. relations, so I believe this will be one important topic.

Army Seizes Rebel Tamils' Headquarters Capture Puts Troops Closer to Separatists' Capital

COLOMBO — Sri Lankan troops captured the rebel Tamil Tigers' political headquarters in

fierce fighting and oghtened its

grip on the rebel citadel of Jaffna

town, the military said Tues-Nearly 7,500 soldiers, backed by tanks, stormed the town of Kondavil, where the Liberatioo Tigers of Tamil Eelam has had its main offices since it began ruling the Jaffna Peninsula as a de facto separate state in 1990, a

THE STREET STREE

military spokesman said. The International Committee of the Red Cross withdrew its medical staff from Jaffna on Tuesday as the army closed in on the town. It said 30 vehicles and 220 people had been moved

Hong Kong '97: No Rights Data and 220 people had been moved to Point Pedro oo the eastern side of the island, where there

has been no fighting. The rebels' political beadquarters at Kondavil was taken after heavy hand-to-hand fighting that killed at least one soldier and wounded 28 others, a military spokesman said.

Seveo rebel bodies were rewould have died," said an army spokesman, Sarath Munas-

inghe.
'We have also captured one of their main training camps

The troops established control over the small but strategic town and, after a monthloog offensive, were just over two kilometers (one mile) from the rebel bastion of Jaffna towo, the capital of the 2,340-squarekilometer (900-square-mile)

peninsula in the island's oorth. Two divisions, numbering about 15,000 troops, were advancing on Jaffna in two although one column was building complex," complete Gandhi of India.

civilians remained in the town, ground bunkers. the Red Cross said.

"The Tigers have dug huge trenches to slow down armor on been killed and thousands the eastern flank," an army wounded in the offensive, which source said. "Soldiers have to tiptoe over the minefields. The other column is moving fairly smoothly despite face-to-face

The military said it had captured a large training camp that included "an elaborate network columns, military officials said, of roads and a well laid-out

slowed by vast minefields. Few with lecture halls and under-

At least 321 soldiers and nearly 1,400 guerrillas have was begun Oct. 17 with the objective of taking Jaffna, the sym-

bol of Tamil separatism. The rebels' losses include the leader of its women's guerrilla wing, known by her oom de guerre, Akila, who was wanted for the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv

Gokyo Valley, contheast of Karmanda, and other regions. The bodies of three Japanese trekkers and their four Nepalese guides were found at a base camp of Mount Kunchenjungha, the third-highest mountain in the world, a government spokesman said.

Twenty-one other members of the expedition survived and helped rescue workers pull bodies from the deep snow, said Prachanda Shrestha, spokesman for the government's avalanche task force.

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report to the United Nations on buman rights in Hong Kong af- rule on July 1. 1997. ter Beijing resumes control of

China never signed two UN covered "but many more human-rights conventions and call the Hong Kong Special Adis "under oo obligatioo" to file ministrative Region. reports required under the treaties, the spokesman, Shen

Guofang, said.

Hoog Kong reverts to Chinese on June 4. 1989.

Mr. Shen said the rights of the British colony, a Foreign Hong Kong citizens were fully Ministry spokesman said Tuesprotected under the Basic Law, the body of laws that Beijing will use to govern what it will

The Hong Kong government passed a Bill of Rights in 1991 in an attempt to ease anxieties The UN Commission on Hu- caused by the Chinese mili-

Mr. Shen repeated the position of China on Tuesday that

it might ignore laws that Hong Kong's government revised to conform with the Bill of Rights.

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Italian MPs Demand Inquiry

ROME — Center-left politicians on Tuesday demanded a purliamentary investigation of a widening corruption scandal that has hit Italy's armed forces.

Four members of the Progressive political grouping in the Chamber of Deputies asked for a parliamentary committee to be formed to investigate allegations that top military officials were involved in a hribes-for-contracts scandal.

Senior commanders estimate that as many as 2,500 members of the armed forces are untler inquiry.

A Vote for Czechs From Chirac?

PARIS - President Jacques Chirac backs the Czech Republic as the top candidate for membership of the European Union, the Czech prime minister, Vaclav Klaus, said after meeting the French leader on Tuesday.

President Chirac considers the Czech Republic as the No.



Mr. Chirac, left, and Mr. Klaus in Paris on Tuesday.

I candidate for membership of the European Union." he said.

after talks lasting nearly an hour at Elysée Palace.

Mr. Klaus, in Paris for a one-day visit, was to meet Prime
Minister Alain Juppe later, as well as hold talks with officials of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation, to which Prague also seeks membership. (AFP)

Norway Seeks Schengen Role

OSLO -- Norway will begin negotiations Wednesday in Helsinki aimed at giving the country special status in the Schengen Convention oo free circulation, even though it is

not a member of the European Union.

The Norwegian justice minister, Grete Farenio, will meet with Interior Minister Johan Vande Lanotte of Belgium, whose country currently holds the rotating chairmanship of Schengen, to negotiate an accord linking Norway to the

Schengen, to negotiate all account of the convention without making it a member.

Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden also will par(AFP) ticipate in the talks.

French Arrest 7 Islamic Suspects

PARIS — The French police arrested seven suspected Islamic militants on Tuesday in connection with an investigation into a wave of bomb blasts that have hit France since July, sources said.

The seven were arrested in raids in Paris and Lyon, as part of a probe hy Judge Laurence Le Vert into the terrorist wave, which has killed 7 and wounded more than 200. (AFP)

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: STRASBOURG: The European Parliament plenary session

continues with debate on employment and external relations. STRASBOURG: The "Kangaroo" group, an association that seeks a single European market, hosts a breakfast debate on European companies competing globally.

BONN: European Industry Commissioner Martin Bangemann addresses a conference on the theme "Europe and the

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

Britain Blocks EU on Defense Unity

MADRID — Signaling its determination to limit any inthe European Union, Britain them to merge gradually and for hlocked moves Tuesday to them to merge immediately.
hring the Western European But with London adamant

before a planned review. We have not succeeded in

apain. Germany, Greece, Italy.
the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Portugal — discussed a compromise paper for submission to the EU review conference.

Common European defense.

Miss Agnetli called the British position "extremist" and said Italy had been "in the middle with the majority."

British diplomatic sources

The paper contained three options: for the two organizacrease in the central power of tions to remain autonomous, for

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Mr. Kinkel and Foreign Minconvincing Britain, said For-eign Minister Klaus Kinkel of said that nearly all other WEU Germany. "It will be a difficult members favored a gradual megotiation." merger and that they felt a need

Briush diplomatic sources dent.

The review, known in Eusaid that all states had agreed on the need to progress slowly on ropean Union terminology as the question. But, they continue the Inter-Governmental Conucl, it was a "cardinal point"

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But it is adamant that all such

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the NATO alliance.

ters from 27 European coun-The divisions reflect the tries are meeting in Madrid to wider EU debate on how much discuss threats to a region surfurther to take European po- rounded by turbulence since the lineal and economic integra- collapse of the Soviet Union.

London has proposed that in-The 10-member WEU — to make some progress toward a stead of any institutional link-France. Britain, Belgium, common European defense. up. the two organizations up. the two organizations should hold summit meetings at the same time and take other measures to increase cooperatioo while remaining indepen-

The view is sharply at odds with that held by other WEU capitals and is regarded as another sign that the continuing ference, is open-ended and of London's policy that defense debate on Europe's political fu-

Wife Says Mitterrand Is Doing 'All Right' ing for progress in sening up a WEU situation center and in-

terrand is doing well despite cious disease, but he's all his prostate cancer and there right." are no plans for a third op-

courageous," since her husband, who is 70. Grace military hospital in left office on May 17 after Paris.

PARIS - François Mit- is fighting against a perni-

Mrs. Mitterrand's comeration on the former French ments came after persistent president, his wife said Tues- rumors that the former Socialist president's health was rapidly deteriorating, with Danielle Mitterrand said in a some reports saying he had television interview, her first been admitted to the Val de-

Scharping Goes on Offensive He Says He Won't Try to Please Everyone

MANNHEIM, Germany — The head of Germany's opposition Social Democrats challenged leadership rivals on Tuesday, saying that he planned to stop trying to please all sides in the Social Demo-

At the opening of one of the most critical conferences in the history of Germany's biggest and oldest party, the party lead-er. Rudolf Scharping, made clear he saw internal hickering as the prime reason for its slump to postwar lows in the opinion polls.

"You have paid for our mis-takes," he told the 535 delegates on behalf of the party's leaders, before taking stock of his own much-criticized leadership style.

'I have tried to express ideas not completely backed by my personal convictions," he said. Mr. Scharping, who is un-"I overestimated the readiness opposed for re-election on

of my colleagues to cooperate Thursday, made clear he would in a spirit of trust.

leadership has prompted spec-ulation that Mr. Scharping could be toppled by one of the planned to stop trying to please all sides in the Social Demo-cratic Party and start imposing Schröder, or former chancellery candidate Oskar Lafontaine.

Neither has emphatically denied leadership ambitions hut both have seemed content to see Mr. Scharping remain in place. at least until nearer the next general election in 1998. Mr. Scharping dismissed Mr.

Schröder as party economic policy head when Mr. Schröder asserted that the problem was "not whether we have a social democratic economic policy or not but whether we have a modem economic policy.

Since then the party has slumped dramatically.

na spirit of trust. In o longer meekly accept the Public sniping within the blame for the party's slide that adership has prompted spechas left Helmut Kohl firmly in

"You get the biggest bead-lines by setting yourself up against your own party. But that also brings our party the biggest defeats." Mr. Scharping said. He also urged the party,

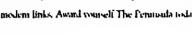
which has strong pacifist lean-ings, to be less shy of sending troops abroad oo multinational peacekeeping missions.
On Tuesday, he indicated that he meant to push this

through, despite heavy opposition in particular from Mr. Lafontaine, the Saar premier. Specifically, he said, if a pos-

sible Bosnia peace deal "re-quires a military security guarantee, Germany should take part, oot in the sense of fighting, but in the knowledge that there are times when people's secu-Mr. Scharping, who is un-rity can be ensured only in this

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BEIJING — Chancellor Hel- view individual cases." he said. here on Tuesday of an army unit is to try to influence the Chi-

raised the issue of human rights in talks with Prime Minister Li Peng on the first day of his five- . Beijing in June 1989 prompted day trip on Mouday.

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Of Andreotti

PALERMO, Italy - The trid) of Giulio Andreotti on

chief political protector in the national government resumed in the Sicilian capital Tuesday. . Mr. Andreotti was not in court for the session, which had been scheduled for Monday. It was delayed for a day by a lawyers' strike to protest the arrest of the head of the city's provincial government, who is a practicing lawyer, on charges

dicted along with three of the Mafia's most notorious mobsters for complicity in the 1979 nturder of an investigative journalist, Mino Pecorelli.

Student Protests Spread in France

PARIS - Snident unrest widened Tuesday as strikes hit several financially strained universities to press demands for more state funds at a time when the government is seeking to

curh public spending. Students in seven of the country's more than 80 universities were on strike, and a leftist snident union close to the opposition Socialist Party, called for a national protest day next Tuesday. Most classes were canceled.

3 'Young Turks' Await Major Roles in Israeli Cabinet

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — When Shimon Peres is formally installed as prime minister this week and announces his new government, attention will focus on three "young Turks" of the Labor Party, all Israeli-born men in their 40s or early 50s whose appointments not only will determine the shading of the new cabinet but also could help shape the future of Israeli politics.

One is a macho former geoeral, another is a former soccer player and impressive political infighter, and the third is a dovish, soft-spoken intellectu-

For all their differences in style, leanings and background, they loom in the public perception as contenders to lead the liberal Labor coalition in the future against another member of their generation. Benjamin Netanyahu, the 46year-old leader of the conservative Likud.

Though Mr. Peres reportedly has not yet made up his mind on the final shape of his cabinet, the broad outlines of his thinking are known. First, he intends to maintain most of the cabinet intact as a political signal that he will continue Yitzhak Rabin's policies.

Second, Mr. Peres is known to view the search for peace priority. He rejected the tempAre These Three Faces in Israel's Future?



Army Chief of Staff . . . Israeli-bom soldier-intellectual, with na and eloquence . . Oldest of the "young Turks" at 53 . . . Intelligence chief during the rescue of an airliner at Entebbe, Uganda . . . Closely tied in attitudes to the late Yitzhek Rabin . . . Known

to skew the peace effort.



Planning . . . Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres's longstanding protégé . . . Native of Tel Aviv and holder ni . . Al 47, has earned high grades for intellect and as the man who started the secret peace contacts in Oslo.



Left the Labor Cabinel to become chairman of Histadrut, a giant trade-union federation ... Let it be known that he intends to return to the Labor Party . . . Israeli-born, at 45 figures on everyone's list of political contenders . . . Good speaker and law graduate of Tel Aviv University . . . Former

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tation of early elections, in side, and the Defense Min- the trade federation movewhich the outpouring of sympathy for Mr. Rabin would himself. have given him a strong edge, The three are Interior Minister Ehud Barak, a former matches the three could de-army chief of staff; Minister of termine the government's atbecause that would have entangled the transfer of author-

Economics and Planning Yos-si Beilin, Mr. Peres's protégé ity to Palestinians in the West Bank in election politics. That, si Beilin, Mr. Peres's protégé and the cabinet member who most elosely reflects his think-ing, and Haim Ramon, who in turn, would have achieved the assassin's primary goal — Where Mr. Peres has leeway walked out of a Labor govis in filling the vacant Foreign ernment to stake out his own

istry, which Mr. Rabin kept for ment, thus moving to the top of any list of contenders. How Mr. Peres mixes and

titudes and the degree of sup-

ment that could accelerate or delay agreements with the Ministry, where he used to pre-political turf successfully in Palestinians and Arab states. next elections.

More than that, the military has traditionally been a critical component of Israeli politics - a major element in Mr. Rabin's popularity was his image as a soldier. Thirteen members of the 120-seat parliament are

former colonels or generals.

All that would seem to point to Mr. Barak, a soldier-intellectual who retired only 11 months ago as the army chiefof-staff and is closely tied in attitudes and public perception to another former chief-of-staff — Mr. Rabin.

The oldest of the "young Turks" at 53, Mr. Barak has charisma, eloquence and intellect. He has an unblemished record of service in Israel's major wars and served as the intelligence chief during the successful rescue of passen-gers oo a hijaeked airliner at Entebbe, Uganda. Soon after hanging up his lieutenant general's uniform he joined the Rabin government as interior ministe

But the likelihood is that Mr. Peres will take the defense portfolio himself. Nobody could say he is unqualified he built the young Israeli state's defense industry in the 1950s and served as minister of defense from 1974 to 1977. The advantage for Mr. Peres would be that be could maintain control over the military withdrawals from the West broaden his own image for the

could stay where he is, as inlerior minister, or get the Foreign Ministry. The second op-tion would free the Interior Ministry for Mr. Ramon.

His return to the Labor fold. is of paramount importance to Mr. Peres. At 45, Mr. Ramon figures on every list of bigtime political contenders, and he could be a major asset in broadening the standing of the new government.

The assumption is that he will be offered a plum portfolio - either the Interior or the Foreign Ministry, depending on where Mr. Barak

Finally, there is Mr. Beilin, 47, a man Mr. Rabin once dis-missively called "Peres's poo-dle," who has earned high grades for intellect and, at least among admirers of the peace with the Palestinians, as the man who started the secret contacts in Oslo that produced the famous handshake be-tween Mr. Rabin and the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman. Yasser Arafat, at the White House in 1993.

Mr. Beilin's political career has been intimately linked to that of Mr. Peres, and the new prime minister would no doubt like to have him near, either as foreign minister or as minister

without portfolio. Even if Mr. Beilin stays as minister of economics and planning, he would figure to be a close aide to Mr. Peres.

Bomb Spotlights U.S. Aid to Saudis

Riyadh and Washington Prefer to Mask Its Extent

By Dana Priest and John Mintz

Washington Post Service

country's national security ap-paratus that both Washington and Riyadh have tried to hide. Fearful of the outcry among Muslim fundamentalists in Saudi Arabia and from U.S.

transform the Saudi military from a disorganized, ill-equipped force into a formidable fighting organization able to counter moves by

So tight-lipped are both the internal security establish-countries that Pentagon offi-ment, the National Guard. cials at a briefing after the bombing refused to say how many U.S. military personnel are in the country or what they

American soldiers and airmen in the country rarely, if ever, dress in uniform, and many of their buildings, like the one bombed Monday, are unmarked. The many employees of U.S. defense companies working there, many of wbom are retired U.S. military offi-cers, are instructed to obscure their connection to the United

"We keep as low a silhouette as possible, "Edward Atkeson, a senior associate at the Center for Strategie and International Studies, said of his fellow Americans, "It is an anathema to the whole psychology of the Saudis to bave anyone else Saudis: McDonnell Douglas there defending their boly

There are about 5,000 U.S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia, mostly in Riyadh and Dhahran, where Saudi forces are also based. They include aviators and crews for a small the Saudis' cash sbortage.

number of U.S. Air Force planes that patrol southern

U.S. military and civilian WASHINGTON - The car contractor personnel work on bomb attack against Americans two separate programs in the in Saudi Arabia has cast a spot-light on U.S. assistance to that mission that trains Saudis in the use of American military equipment the Saudis have bought. from F-15 fighters to M-1 tanks and Patriot missiles. The second, which included the office bombed on Monday, is a \$5.6 critics of the undemocratic oil billion package to modernize, kingdom, both governments train and equip the Saudi Arahave toiled in secret to help bia National Guard.

Assuming that militants op-posed to the Saudi regime were responsible for the attack, the choice of target made sense, analysts said: it struck a blow at Iran or Iraq — and to defend the the foreign military presence regime from domestic insurthat supports the government, and at one of the main pillars of

Paid for by the Saudis, the Office of the Program Manager-Saudi National Guard program is run by the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the Vinnell Corp., a subsidiary of BDM International Inc.

BDM and Vinnell have 1,000 employees in Saudi Arabia, plus thousands of dependents, working on long-held contracts to train the Saudi National Guard, Royal Air Force and Royal Land Forces, as well as to develop their computer software and maintain their

equipment.
Other U.S. contractors with a large presence in Saudi Arabia include Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc., which has 200 employees advising the Saudi Navy; Raytheon Corp., which builds Patriot missiles for the Corp., which makes F-15s, and General Dynamics Corp., which manufactures M-1 tanksSince the Gulf War, the Riyadh has ordered \$30 billion worth of U.S. weapons, but deliveries have been delayed by

Peres Seeks to Reassure West Bank Settlers About Security

By Barton Gellman

TSOFIN, West Bank - On a bulldozed hilltop astride the line between Israel and the West Bank, Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres called his first scheduled news conference on Tuesday to tell a skeptical domestic audience that he is keeping close watch on security as he presses ahead with Palestinian self-rule.

It was a message of reassurance towns alongside. Mr. Peres packaged area with the armed forces chief of power to the West Bank.

of Kokhav Yair in the valley helow. Mr. Peres, a former defense minister who helped create Israel's nuclear weapons program, is dogged nonetheless by an image of weakness that lost him his party's leadership to by the end of the year. Yitzhak Rabin before the last election

So on Tuesday, as he prepared to

Mr. Peres. 72, came here one day after the Israeli Army completed its withdrawal from the Arab city of Jenin, the first of six West Bank population centers to be granted self-rule

He said he had choseo to finish the pullback a few days early, beating the deadline set in the September accord form a government to replace that of with the PLO, as a signal that Mr. aimed at Jewish settlers in the West his slain predecessor, be donned a Rabin's assassination would not in-mostly stopped trying to patch rela-Bank and residents of Israeli border suede leather jacket, toured the border terfere with the transfer of land and trons with the settlers.

and a dramatic view of the Israeli town was about the security of Israel."

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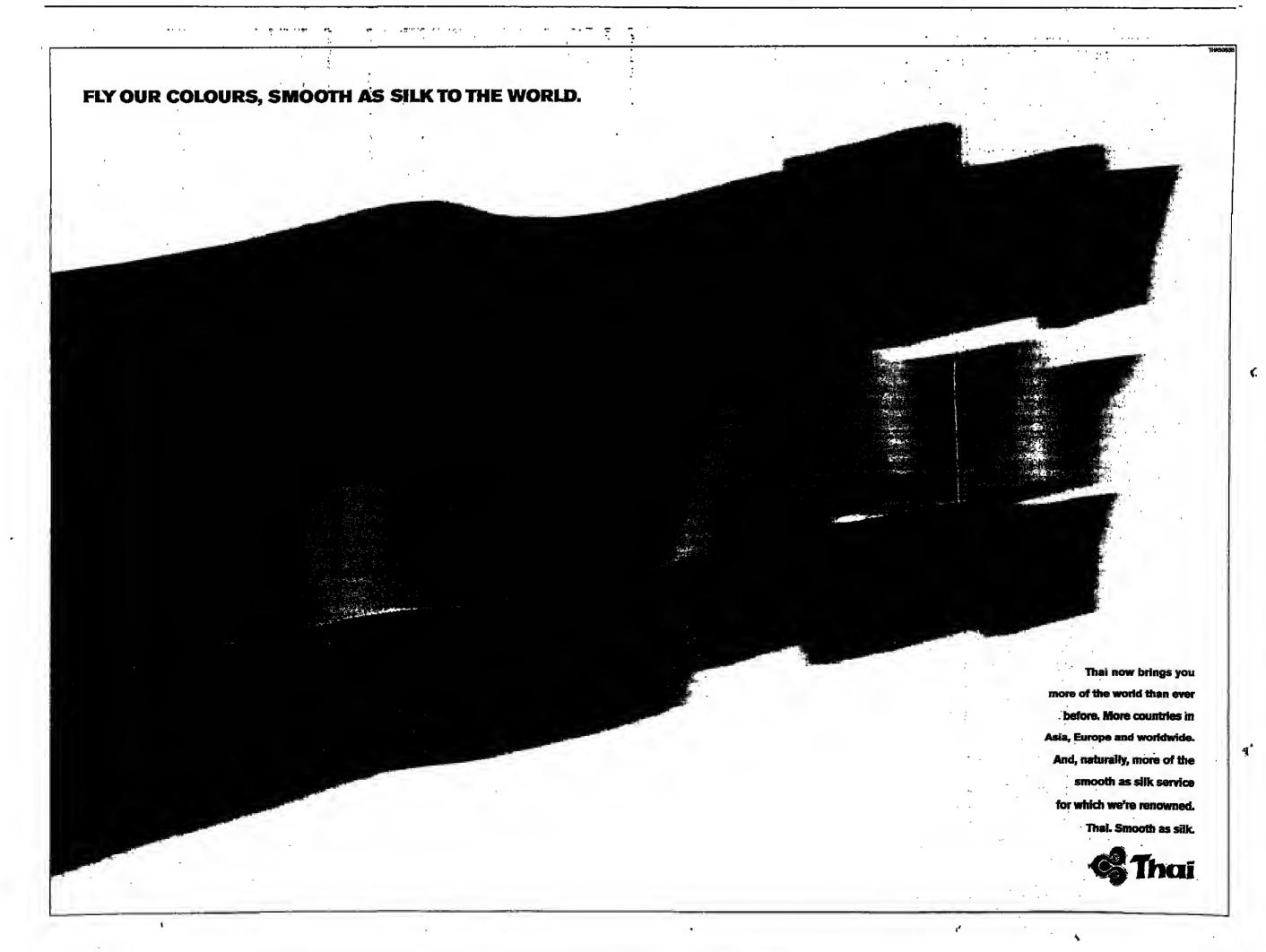
sitive mixture of political considera-tions and security needs."
He said he would do his best "oot to disturb the normal life of people in the West Bank, whether Jewish people or Arab people." Merely by describing the Jewisb

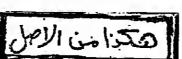
settlers as objects of his concern, Mr. Peres was extending an olive branch. In the environment of mutual vitriol that preceded his death, Mr. Rabin had

As Mr. Peres conducted his heli-demands on Mr. Peres.

man is obliged to give the nod to the parliamentary leader most likely to obtain 61 votes in the 120-seat Knesset, and the selection of Mr. Peres is a foregone conclusion. On Tuesday, Haim Ramon, a pop-

ular maverick who left the party to wrest control of the Histadrut labor federatioo, made an unconditional return to the Labor Party fold, Mr. Ramon is thought to want a senior cabinet post like Interior, but he said he had made no





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A woman in the market square of Travnik, Bosnia-Herzegovina, a Muslim stronghold where fighting has subsided.

U.S. Peacekeepers: It's a Tough Sell

By Helen Dewar Washington Post Service

confront a skeptical Congress over sending U.S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia if talks in Ohio produce an accord, President Bill Clinton hopes to copy the success with legislators that George Bush had in advance of the Gulf War five years ago.

But the differences are profound, in-cluding Bosnia's lack of Gulf oil as a vital interest to defend and Mr. Clinton's lack of sure-footed command of foreign policy that President Bush had.

Another change is the high degree of doubt about a Bosnia mission even among Mr. Clinton's fellow Democrats, to

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a greater extent than Mr. Bush faced among Republicans.

Mr. Clinton also must deal with a large group of Republican freshmen, especially in the House, who seem far more willing to defy the president than Democrats were

during the Gulf crisis.

The depths of Mr. Clinton's difficulties president makes his case. Some key law- Gulf. makers in both parties say they believe be can win if he plays his cards as well as Mr. so, he said, "because of the dismal ex-Bush did. But leading legislators already are predicting that Mr. Clinton will face a much tougher fight than his predecessor.

In a bluntly worded letter to the pres-

on Monday, the Senate majority leader, WASHINGTON — As he prepares to onfront a skeptical Congress over sending S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia if talks

Washington Pear Service

Bob Dole of Kansas, and the House speaker. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, said support in Congress for deploying U.S. forces in Bosnia is "virtually nil."

To win congressional support, "you will need to demonstrate to the Congress and the American people that the mission to Bosnia is vital to our national interests, it is well defined and achievable, and that it is the best option available," the two Republican leaders wrote.

Mr. Dole and Mr. Gingrich explicitly warned Mr. Clinton against reaching an agreement at the U.S.-led peace talks just outside Dayton, Ohio, while assuming that Congress would approve sending troops to back an accord ack an accord.

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The depths of Mr. Clinton's difficulties cannot be gauged before a peace agreement is reached, its details are known and the at stake in Bosnia than it was in the expression of the case that our security is at stake in Bosnia than it was in the expression.

Mr. Clinton's difficulties are greater alperience with peacekeeping in Somalia and elsewhere, because of the lack of confidence in this administration's ability to fidence in this administration's ability to conduct a foreign policy operation and

Bosnia is a quagmire.'

The administration has emphasized that it will only send troops to Bosnia if a strong peace accord is reached, thus minimizing the risk to American soldiers.

Considerable progress has been made in Dayton, however, and if an agreement is reached then administration officials said they planned to launch a campaign to per-suade Congress of the need for U.S. peacekeepers. A key element in the case of state would leave tuesday by President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, a evening for a meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Confernic Confern

troops.

Mr. Clinton is hoping to reproduce parts of the strategy that Mr. Bush used with lawmakers. Five years ago, Mr. Bush faced was intended to concentrate the back an accord.

"It would be the gravest possible mistake to reach agreement in Dayton and then to find you do not have the support of the American people and Congress," they

lawmakers. Five years ago, Mr. Bush race a skeptical Congress whose Democratic minds of the delegations by making Mr. Christopher's departure more imminent than it may actually be. Moreover, rescimistic assessments have reserving his constitutional right to act if Congress turned him down. After a dogged Comparing Mr. Clinton's and Mr. Congress turned him down. After a dogged Bush's challenges, Senator John McCain of Arizona, a Republican member of the Armed Services Committee, said, "The celebrated a hig victory when it was all effort to massage lawmakers' taut nerves, partment, only to be belied by a

> Mr. Clinton has said he will "request an on the Serbs' surrender of eastexpression of congressional support" but, ern Slavonia to Croatian conlike Mr. Bush and other past presidents, has trol. The accord basically setsaid he would not be bound hy a congressional rejection. Mr. Bush only sought without getting approval from Congress.

With Bosnia Talks At Critical Phase, It's Now or Never

By Roger Cohen
Non York Times Service

DAYTON, Ohio - With Bosnian peace talks at a standoff over territory, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher began Tuesday what administration officials called a lastditch attempt to prod the parties toward an overall settlement.

The Serbs and the Bosnian overnment are taking irreconcilable positions on territory right now," said a senior official close to the negotiations. "So we're bringing Christopher in for as much as two days, and my guess is we'll either close this thing down or come out with a success."

After almost two weeks of talks, the officials said that fatigue and a mild sense of confinement were beginning to set in among the delegations at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and that the next few days would probably be decisive.

Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman, painted a rather different picture of the status of the talks and the nature of Mr. Christopher's visit. He said that the Bosnian negotiations could continue into

parture more imminent than it ment effectively wants the cormay actually be. Moreover, ridor eliminated. These positions pessimistic assessments have been given by the State Deseries of diplomatic successes.

The most recent of these was the agreement reached Sunday tles the conflict between Serbs and Croats that was at the heart

thus apparently been eliminated in the slaughter of Muslims.

and an avenue has been opened to the gradual improvement of relations between the two largest ethnic groups in the area, Serbs and Croats.

This amounts to a decisive development that renders the logic of war in the Balkans far less compelling.

But a settlement of the territorial dispute in Bosnia that lies at the heart of the conflict there remains elusive. Over the last few days, intensive discussion has been dedicated to these issues, with little or no progress, officials said. On every territorial issue, the

Muslim-led government presses for solutions that tend to promote unity, while the Serbs want a self-sufficient entity that might be joined with Serbia one day, the officials said.
The status of Sarajevo, the

capital, has already proved a poisonous issue.

At least one plan for the city's administration has been ripped up in the face of Serbian objections. In essence, the Serbs reject any unified municipal administration because they fear that this will only lead to a Muslim-dominated city council, reflecting the Muslim majority in the city.

Another difficult issue is that of the so-called Posavina corridor, the narrow strip of land south of Brcko that connects Serbia with the largest Serb-held

city in Bosnia, Banja Luka.
The Serbs want the strip widened to provide a flight corridor from Belgrade to Banja Luka, But the Bosnian governappear virtually irreconcilable.

General Is Promoted President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia promoted a Bosnian Croatian militia officer Tuesday despite his indicament for war crimes by a UN tribunal.

State television said General Tihomir Blaskic had been appointed an inspector in the main inspectorate of the Croatian Army a day after being charged with five other Bosnian Croats

Top Leaders Won't Quit, Rebel Serb Report Says

BELGRADE - The two top leaders of the Bosnian Serbs. indicted as war criminals, will keep their posts despite U.S. pressure to remove them, the Bosnian Serbs' news agency reported Tuesday.

The report appeared to refute an article in NIN, an influential Belgrade weekly, which said recently that President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia had reached agreement with the Bosnian Serbs' political leader, Radovan Karadzic, and their military commander, Lieutenant General Ratko Miladic, for their "cauted described." et departure" once a peace accord for the region was signed.



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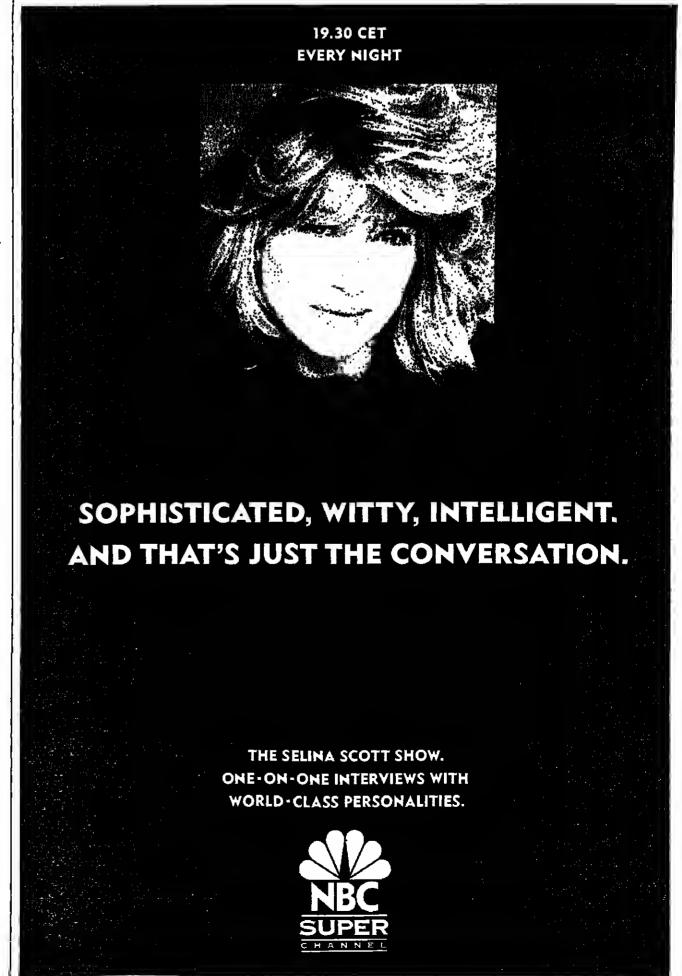
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EU Mishandled \$6.8 Billion In 1994 Budget, Audit Finds

STRASBOURG. -- The European Union's financial watchdog assailed the European Commissiun and the EU's member countries on Tuesday for mishandling more than \$6.8 hillion of last year's EU bud-

In a report on the bloc's finances, the EU Court of Auditors confirmed that about 5.27 billion European Currency Units. or more than 7 percent of the 73 billion Ecu (\$97 billion) EU hudget, had been paid in without adequate checks.

Among the findings were very numerous, serious suberrors" in payments that resulted in as much as 2.39 billion Ecus being wrongly charged to the EU budget.

A further 2.88 billion Ecus in however, he also noted encour-

spending was apparently subet to incorrect contract and indering procedures.

aid to Eastern Europe. Greece. Spain and Italy were singled out for allegedly being paid large sums of EU funds for farm produce that was substan-

dard or simply did not exist. In an address to the European Parliament, the president of the Court of Auditors, André Middlehoek, cited "weaknesses." unsatisfactory financial administration" and a "continuing

need for bener improvement." Speaking to a committee Monday, he blamed 80 percent of the spending errors on the 12 members that were in the European Union last year but said the European Commission was

aging procedures introduced by the new commission that ofndering procedures.

fered "the prospect of changing aid was withdrawn from the Errors were found in most what has been a rather lax market with such aid."

areas of spendiog, including agricultural guarantees, fish-eries, regional aid, research and for money" and "rigorous" financial management.

The contmission said in a statement that it was reassured by the court's comments on improvements. But it also said that the report offered "an incomplete picture of events.

Some criticisms of 1994 failures, it said, would already have been overtaken by reforms initiated this year.

The court reserved mucb of its sharpest criticism for member countries. Agriculture came in for particular attack. The court said that the processing of citrus fruit into juice in both Greece and Italy was not properly controlled and that there was no assurance that aid had been justified.

"In several member states, it added, "produce which did not meet quality standards for

Aristide Appeals for Order UN to Help Curb Illegal Arms Searches

ompiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti President Jean-Bertrand during a pro-government Ariside has appealed for order demonstration Monday in Go-President Jean-Bertrand after violence spread into naïves, 150 kilometers (95 Haili's countryside, and the United Nations pledged help to curb a citizens' disarmament campaign that is threatening to get out of hand.

There is a possibility of it gening out of control. There is a possibility for provocation," said Mr. Aristide of the latest protests. "We will never accept

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Four people were killed and illegal, said that the United Nanine were wounded by gunfire miles) northwest of Port-au-Prince, The four fatalities brought to seven the death 10Il from demonstrations around the

country since a member of Parliament from Mr. Aristide's party was murdered in Port-au-Prince on Nov. 8. The UN special envoy to

Haiti, Lakhdar Brahimi, calling weapons searches by civilians

FRANCE: Alarmed by Arab Alienation and Anger

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Hood who defied the state. Un-

"Now that the authorities see the suburban ghettos, they have a potential fifth col-

tions would not continue to stand by idly, "We cannot heln the population commit illegal acts," he said. 'Only the police can search vehicles, only the police can conduct searches," he said.

On Mooday, the Haitian National Police began carrying out a new policy of disarmament, declaring all weapons permits to be suspended indefinitely. Street protests broke out Sat-

urday in Port-au-Prince after Mr. Aristide gave an angry speech at the funeral of his cousin, Jean-Hubert Feuille, the lawmaker who was assassinated last week, Although violence later diminished in the capital, it spread into rural areas where many Aristide supporters are angry that be cannot run for re-election in balloting scheduled for Dec. 17. Mr. Brahimi said that Mr. Aristide had reiterated Haiti's continuing need for UN peacekeepers in a meeting Monday, and both men pledged to continue work-ing together. (Reuters. AFP)

But the government already



A FOND FAREWELL -- President Nelson Mandela of South Africa receiving a gift from a well-wisher Tuesday during a visit to a Maori area in New Zealand. Mr. Mandela was in the country for the biennial Commonwealth summit meeting.

Some White House officials

and outside advisers believe the

best possible outcome for Mr.

Clinton would be to postpone

the budget fight as long as pos-

Officially, the White House

rejects that scenario, because it

would put Mr. Clinton in the

position of arguing - rather

than governing - for the next

EU Officials Draft An Arms Embargo To Punish Nigeria

Union officials drew up plans

Tuesday for an arms embargo and other steps to punish Nigeria's military rulers for the execution of nine rights activists.

They held back from suggesting trade sanctions.

The proposals by a working group, including EU memberambassadors recalled from Nigeria, will be reviewed EU ambassadors on Wednesday and could be adopted by the EU Council of Ministers on Friday.

There was a consensus to reaffirm and extend measures against the Nigerian military and military members of the regime," an official said, adding that care would be taken to avoid penalizing the Nigerian people.

Some countries suggested curbing Nigeria's oil exports. "It has been mentioned by one or two delegations," said another EU official, adding that no conclusions had been of envoys.

BRUSSELS — European like trade sanctions or impounding the overseas assets of Nigeria's military rulers. were better left to the United Nations, the European officials

In Strasbourg, the European Parliament was drafting a resolution condenining Nigeria and calling for the arms embargo to be tightened and oil to

be used as a weapon." Separately, Nigeria said Tuesday that British scheming was behind its suspension from the Commonwealth.

State-run radio said Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth, which was ordered in reaction to the hangings of the author and minority rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others, was "the culmination of a period of maneuvering and conspiracy.

More countries continued to recall their top diplomats from Lagus, the latest being Russia. In tum, Lagos ordered recalls of envoys. (Reuters, AFP)

A Smiling Yeltsin Declares His Hand Is on the Rudder

The Associated Press

MOSCOW --- Looking stronger and healthier than he has in weeks, President Boris Yeltsin insisted Tuesday that he was

keeping Russia under control from his hospital room, Mr. Yeltsin, who appeared pale and slurred his words in a televised interview earlier this month, spoke clearly and looked and acted more energetic in a meeting with Kazakhstan's pres-

ident, Nursultan Nazarbayev. 'I'm in full control of the rudder of the hig Russian ship," the smiling leader, wearing a suit and tie, told camera crews, "I'm keeping my finger on the pulse.'

Mr. Yeltsin was bospitalized Oct. 26 with his second bout of heart trouble in four months.

Montreal Gets UN Site

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — Montreal has been chosen over Geneva, Madrid and Nairobi to become headquarters of a United Nations environmental secretariat to protect the world's animals and plants.

Government representatives from around the world selected Montreal on Monday after eight months of competition. The secretarial, to open in about six months, will employ 23 persons and have an annual budget of \$8 million.

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BUDGET: Real Issue Is Balance Cooper movie "High Noon": Continued from Page 1 'At some point, we're walking Mr. Clinton's bottom line. out of that saloon and if we have

House and Senate negotiators are nearing completion of their reconciliation package and expect to send it to the White House at the end of this sible, making if the centerpiece week. Mr. Clinton has of the 1996 presidential and promised to veto the measure, congressional campaigns. asserting that the Republican Party is moving faster than is necessary toward a balanced

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Those negotiations, both sides to have a battle, we have to have agree, are inevitable. The question is when they will begin.

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Embassies Expect Little Effect From Shutdown of Government

International Herald Tribune

The partial U.S. government shutdown will apparently limit some embassy and consular operations to emergency services around the world, but will have little impact at other

Washington said that emergency services would include help in disaster evacuation and in dealing with the deaths of Americans over-

Included on a case-by-case basis were other citizen services such as visits in jail, the dis-

replacement of lost passports. An American who loses a passport would not have it replaced unless it were a "life or death" situation, the spokeswoman said.

The U.S. embassies in London and Paris reported normal operations Tuesday.

A spokesman in Paris said that passport and other consular operations had not been affected. Most of the clerical work is done by French staff, who cannot be furloughed under

said that "all public services will continue as normal for the time being." She had received no word of staff reductions or service cuts.

The U.S. Embassy in Cairo, the largest as of wednesday. It added that the American ations because of the shutdown.

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embassies, at least initially.

A State Department spokeswoman in

tribution of U.S. government benefits and the

A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in London

American embassy in the Middle East, said Tuesday that it would stop delivering visas except in emergencies and close other services Center in Alexandria would reduce its oper-

SECURE: For Summit Meeting, Japanese Police Nail Down the Lid

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leaders are still being sought. But even in their zeal, the owners and 425,000 registered owners of rifles and shotguns (handguns are illegal). Each began with a cheerful wish for a - which the police also inspect

once a year.

know that Osaka hopes to be derstanding, too. play host for the 2008 Olympic now would be a big boost.

tions to the letter.

about inconvenience. They gang members are being un- locked Osaka tight. Trash cans said.

would follow police instruc-The police told him that if to disrupt the meeting.

someone calling himself as a official. police officer comes to his door And in typical fashion, the to inspect the tool, he was told

Osaka vibrates with motorhappening." said Mr. streets during the conference. Sasamori, 39, who said he Police have been knocking on doors all over Osaka to urge motorcycle gang members not

pleasant autumn, then asked anyone telephoned with suspition that the weapon, or tool, in cious inquiries about his nail- work seriously." said Takao police registration of the tools. question be kept in its lock-box gun, he should call the police. If Honda, a senior Osaka police

Even if the gangs wanted to

More than 1,000 police officers Games, and a smooth showing cycle gang activity. Policemeo have been added just to handle have taken ambitious, but al- traffic in central Osaka. They "These strict controls are ways courteous, measures to will be watching the city from much bener than something keep motorcycle gangs off the helicopters, and even a blimp. Still, at least one person thinks this is a linle silly.

Kazuo Kurita, whose company manufactures nail-guns, said Japan was the only country He said he could not imagine a nail-gun being an effective

weapon, let alone a threat to the And in typical fashion, the to inspect the tool, he was told disrupt the night during the leaders.

bikers, carpenters and duck to ask for identification.

thunters don't seem to complain

The police say motorcycle would get far. The police have someone with a hammer." he

UNION: Germany's Monetary Leadership Continues to Grow Stronger

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would take effect after the start of a single

inate freedom of maneuver for most other bility. European government policy makers. "If Maastricht lies one hand of policy makers behind their backs," said Alison

Cottrell, an economist with PaineWebber

in London, "then this new German move would be like tying your feet together." In other words, the new German-diclated requirements mean that the range of economic policy options that might normally be discussed and debated in most European democracies could end up being sharply curtailed. And that inability to contemplate a spectrum of policies - including the option of deficit spending aimed at reflating an economy to fight

German suzerainty over the rest of Europe.

with national governments ceding most of

their sovereignty over economic policy. The influence of Germany over the rest of the Continent was underscored again emment and Bundesbank officials has also economic policies of all European gov-Tuesday when Alexandre Lamfalussy. president of the European Monetary Institute, the forerunner of a future European central bank, said he shared "entirely" Mr. monetary union. Waigel's aims for a stability pact that could penalize single-currency member nations that did not maintain a strict enough fiscal

German economic policies. Now, Europe's Democrats taking up the issue of a single or two to reduce the country's runaway most powerful economy is creating another currency vs. the Deutsche mark Tuesday as deficits. For Mr. Kohl, it could mean not set of requirements for fiscal behavior that they began a party conference in having to push the German people into Mannheim and the government's own giving up the mark just before they cast council of five top economic experts hint- their ballots in the 1998 general election. Yet while nearly all economists agree it ing heavily that it might be bener to delay the start of monetary union than to risk a

> While the German government's uncompromising approach means that Bonn is setting Europe's agenda, it is also true cy. that domestic political considerations are behind Germany's insistence that all prospective member countries must meet single currency set out in the Maastricht

In the last two weeks, ever since leading members of the floundering Social Democratic opposition began styling themselves as protectors of the Deutsche mark, urging that monetary union be delayed, a taboo on the issue has been broken: It is now perunemployment — could lead to a de facto missible to call into question the singlecurrency plan — which Chancellor Helmut monetary union in 1998. Kohl sees as his personal legacy for Europe

at century's end. But the tough talk from leading govpersuaded some economists and politicians ernments resembled their own. that Mr. Waigel and Chancellor Kohl may wish to leave the door open to a delay in

A face-saving mechanism, or just setting potentially costly sanctions or impossibly eventually prove helpful to both Germany more binding on everyone else.'

Yet in Germany, the debate remains and France. For President Jacques Chirac wide open, with the opposition Social of France, it could offer a crucial extra year

Ms. Cottrell at PaineWebber said she is desirable to reduce budget deficits, the German stability pact would virtually elimstart in 1999 that could generate instability pact not because he and Kohl think it will happen, but in order to persuade the German electorate that the Deutsche mark will not be traded for a weaker curren-

"I think that if France really thought it would happen they wouldn't be so keen on the Waigel proposal, she said, adding that and even go beyond the stiffest terms for a the sheer implementation of a system of penalties would be "an administrative nightmare.

Julian Jessop, European economist at HSBC Markets Research in London, said Tuesday that he thought Europe's singlecurrency plan would ultimately fail "at the final hurdle" because the German people did not wish to give up the Deutsche mark and because Parliament would not vote for

He stressed, however, that whether for domestic political or pan-European reasons, the Germans wanted to assure that the

"The Germans," said Mr. Jessop, "clearly want either direct control over fiscal policy in other countries through a mechanism that provides more political federalism or, if that is not possible, then the idea is to make high criteria for EMU members, could the convergence criteria for monetary union

Herald Cribune

Balance in Saudi Arabia

about the explosion that rocked Saudi Arabia's capital on Monday, destroying a United States-run National Guard training building and killing four Americans. They were part of a group of about 100 Americans training Saudi forces in the use of weapons imported from the United States. Two obscure Islamic groups claimed responsibility. Both Washington and Riyadh continue to investigate the incident.

The attack is a reminder of the inherent vulnerability of the American position in Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil producer and the largest pro-Western state in the Gulf region. As the Gulf war made clear, the Saudi regime depends on American military protection against larger neighbors like Iran and Iraq. Yet the regime, while it remains firmly in control, has seen its grip challenged in recent years by the radical brand of political Islam that is sweeping the Middle East.

Some Saudi Islamic groups are homegrown, others receive substantial support from Iran and Sudan. In recent months these groups have threatened violence, issued ultimatums against the presence of Americans and carried out at least one

terrorist operation. Under present circumstances. Washington has little choice but to maintain close relations with the Saudi monarchy.

It is too early to draw firm conclusions The U.S. economy depends on benign Saudi oil-pricing policies. Yet despite hig arms purchases from the United States, the sparsely populated kingdom is incapable of defending itself against much larger neighbors. Saudi political considerations rule out basing large numbers of American troops on Saudi soil, so Washington sells enormous quantities of advanced weapons and helps train Saudi troops.

The regime faces increasing challenge at home as well as from abroad. Open political discussion is largely limited to issues concerning religious doctrine and practice, especially the role of women. But more prosaic issues, like corruption and the management of fiscal resources that have been less flush since the oil price drop of the mid-1980s and the huge expenses of the Gulf war, are often at play beneath the surface.

These challenges push American policy in two potentially conflicting direc-tions. To reduce the risk of future upheavals, Washington needs to encourage a more open political system and more prudent economic management, as well as more effective self-defense. Yet to avoid provoking Islamic sensitivities it needs to keep its advice and its presence low-key. It will not be any easier to maintain that balance after Monday's attack.

Avoidable Shutdown

On the budget, the president and the congressional Republicans are both indulging in theater at the expense of substance. If the public is put off by it, well, it ought to be. Examples abound.

The Republicans attached to the debt ceiling bill last week a 112-page amend-ment that no one had seen before. It turned out to be the bulk of the regulatory reform proposal that they, with good cause, have had so much trouble getting through the Senate under the regular rules. They were able to say to the business and other constituencies that favor the proposal: Look what we've done for you. But the president could say to some of his constituencies, when he vetoed the measure; Look what I've done for you. In fact, neither of them had done anything, but never mind.

The president was meanwhile claiming that be could not possibly sign the continuing resolution to keep the gov-ernment operating because the Repub-licans had dropped into it their proposal for higher Medicare premiums. But, as the Republicans have rightly observed, premiums would also rise in the years ahead under the Medicare proposals that the president has made. There are lots of ways to figure these things, but the Republicans say that by the year 2002, when they want to balance the hudger, the premium under their plan would be about \$88 a month and the premium under the president's plan about \$83. That is hardly the fundamental policy difference that the president implied.

Sure, there are basic policy disputes underlying all this and waiting to be resolved. But they are not resolving them, not yet at least. They are trying to

score political points. position firmly. The Republican leaders of Congress wish to have their zeal and determination noted. So how it looks is to principle but of incompetence. mainly what it is about on both sides.

The worst of the situation is that on the substance of the money bills, sensible compromises are within reach. If the president and his congressional adversaries let the federal agencies slide into a semishutdown, it is because they consider the imperatives of image and position to be more compelling, at least for the moment, than the business of government.

If they were interested in compromise. they would not have far to look. On Monday the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Pete Domenici, suggested that the whole Medicare issue in this bill could be set aside by simply freezing the premium at its present level while the broader questions of Medicare were resolved. Nobody seemed much interested, either at the White House or among Senator Domeni-

ci's colleagues in Congress. Similar opportunities are in sight for the much more important differences over spending and benefits that lie behind the current dramatics. Both the president and the Republican Congress are committed to a balanced hudget. The most serious questions are how best to do it without injuring people who are already poor or near-poor, and those questions are hardly being mentioned currently by either side. But useful answers are readily available, as a group of conservative Democrats headed by Representative Charles W. Stenholm of Texas demonstrated in a comparatively sensible budget proposal that has been brushed off by ne leadership of both parties.

When Lyndon Johnson was Senate majority leader a generation ago, be was famous for asking his contentious colleagues whether they wanted a quarrel or a bill. For the present, both the president The president, justifiably uneasy about and Cougress seem to want a quarrel. But gently wants to be seen as holding his discover that voters interpret this easily avoidable shutdown of government offices as a demonstration not of devotion

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Drama in Guatemala

A ragged but hopeful drama is un-folding in Guatemala as the country human and social toll, ignited violence where the Cold War started in the Westem Hemisphere struggles to put its ordeal behind. The elections now under way are the first in which all parties to Latin America's longest war have joined in a common political enterprise. But free and fair elections, it turns out, are a necessary but not sufficient condition for making democracy work.

The actual process on Sunday went well. A two-week election cease-fire between government and guerrillas showed a welcome mutual discipline. But Guatemala lacks the strong democratic parties and interest groups of a mature civil society. A runoff of the top two (of 19) candidates on Jan. 7 will pit Alvaro Arzú, an ontward-looking businessman of the right who speaks (in mostly Mayan Guatemala) against racial discrimina-tion, and Alfonso Portillo, designee of a populist dictator with a military record harsh and contemptuous of law even hy

Guaternalan standards.
The United States interrupted Guatemala's democratic development in 1954, sponsoring a coup against an elected president thought by Washington to be dangerously left-leaning. The civil war that

human and social toll, ignited violence across Central America and postponed any real prospect of democratic rebirth until the Cold War had come to an end.

When that moment came, it was agreed that others, not Washington, should take a patron's role. In large and largely unnoted service, the United Nations has mediated government-guerrilla accords on human and indigenous rights (with itself as monitor) and (with implementation still to come) on resettling refugees and docu-menting past abuses. Still to be sorted out: land reform, demobilization, subordina-

tion of the military. This last goal requires the United States to apply its own Cold War lessons. That means going beyond trying to encourage an open society and an open ecouomy. It means exorcising anything that even faintly suggests a lingering Pentagon or CIA license for Guatemalan thuggery. The human rights groups find American policy pulling its human rights punches in the name of preserving American influence to deliver the armed forces to political reform. The two goals are in tension, but not in irreconcilable tension, if the United States will work at it.

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American Forces Should Remain Based in Japan

HONOLULU — Should U.S. forces remain based in Japan following Japanese outrage at the recent rape and assault of a schoolgirl by American servicemen on Okinawa?

The short answer is "yes," because it is in the national security interests of both America and Japan for U.S. troops to stay, and because the incident, horrible as it was, does not reflect the behavior of the overwhelming majority of the 47,000 U.S. military personnel based in Japan.

The question of whether U.S. forces have a role to play in Japan and elsewhere in Asia after the end of the Cold War has been a frequent topic of debate. Such debate should continue. But, as with any discussion involving national security interests, it should be well reasoned and based on facts, not on misinformation and emotiou-laden exaggerations. Chalmers Johnson, in "Why Keep U.S. Forces in Japan?" (IHT Opinion, Nov. 7), has done little to contribute to meaningful debate

and much to fan emotional flames. In his latest attack ou the continued presence of American forces in Northeast Asia, Mr. Johnson shows ignorance of, or disregard for, the facts. He accuses the Clinton administration of "acting like a colonial power" because it maintains Status of Forces agreements with Japan and South Korea.

'What we are talking about here," says Mr. Johnson, "is extraterritoriali- now essentially mirrors the agreement

By Ralph A. Cossa

ty." which he properly defines as a refusal to permit one's citizens to be tried under the laws of the country in which an alleged crime occurs. Even as CNN brings us television pictures of the American servicemen being marched into a Japanese court before a Japanese judge, Mr. Johnson appears unable to grasp the difference between ensuring that one's citizens receive proper legal treatment and "extraterritoriality."

the U.S. military cannot control the conduct of all its members, at home or abroad. When civil laws are broken, soldiers are not exempted from trial or punishment. But U.S. defense officials are responsible for ensuring that military personnel, when stationed overseas, receive legal protection commensurate with that enjoyed by citizens at home. Hence the continued necessity for Status of Forces agreements

Try as it might (and it clearly does try),

wherever American troops are based. Mr. Johnson fans the flames of discontent by noting that extraterritoriality reflected the Western belief that "Asian law was barbaric," and then notes that this outdated Western assertion still applies to Japan and South Korea. He fails to note that the Japan Status of Forces agreement, as a result of a recent side letter,

William Perry, the U.S. secretary of defense, during his recent visit to Seoul, started talks to bring the Status of Forces agreement for South Korea more in line with the one in Japan.

American servicemen accused of crimes in South Korea are also tried in local courts and, if found guilty, go to local jails to serve their time. In both the Japanese and the Korean cases, the debate has been over at what point in the process they are turned over to host nation custody, not whose laws they must obey or whose courts they are tried in.

Mr. Johnson accuses the Pentagon of looking for a public relations ploy rather than addressing the basic question about why U.S. forces are needed. His accusation dismisses the Defense Department's recent East Asia Strategy Review as providing "equivocal answers."
Instead, he claims that the "real rea-

son" for the U.S. presence is distrust of Japan, which America wants to keep as a permanent ward." The U.S. military stationed in Japan

and South Korea belps promote stability in a region vital to American interests but still rife with distrust.

The military presence guards against a resumption of hostilities, increases U.S. ability to deter crises in the region, and International Herald Tribune.

between the U.S. military and that other group of barbarians, America's European and Canadian allies in NATO.

demonstrates America's commitment to its friends and allies. The presence serves as a hedge against uncertainty and averts a

'power vacuum'' that others who do not necessarily share America's interests might be tempted to fill. In short, it is a low-cost insurance policy that helps guard against future re-gional instability while protecting and

promoting American national interests.

The U.S. military presence protects and promotes Japanese and South Korean interests as well. If this military presence were so "deeply insulting," why did the Japanese government just agree to provide an additional \$500 million a year in host nation support, bringing its annual compensation to help offset U.S. basing costs to \$5 billion?

And why has the South Korean government just agreed to increase its level of host nation support by 10 percent a year for each of the next three years?

Emotions have been running high over the Okinawa rape case and the continuing Status of Forces agreement debate in South Korea, Mr. Johnson fans the flames of discontent. His comments are a disservice to the people of both nations, and to American personnel stationed there.

The writer, executive director of the Pacfic Forum/CSIS think tank in Hon-olulu, contributed this comment to the

Japan Wants Open Prosperity in the Diverse Asia-Pacific Region

TOKYO — The 50th anniversary of the end of the war, in 1995, is of great historical significance not only for Japan but for all of the peoples of the Asia-Pacific region. It is both a time to look back on our history and a time to open the way to a better future. We find new strength, hope and inspiration in the striking advances

achieved by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. On Sunday, the APEC economic leaders gather in Osaka to build an even greater sense of community grounded in Asia-Pacific economic dyoamism, 1 am keenly aware of our grave re-sponsibility for APEC's further development

Japan is determined to further strengthen its bonds of mutual understanding and trust with its Asia-Pacific neighbors and to work in the APEC forum to enhance its cooperation in the economic sphere and hence to contribute to the region's stability and development.

Since taking office as prime minister, I have visited the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and China. I have seen firsthand their determination to deregulate and privatize, to foster cutting-edge industries, and I have been impressed by their drive for sound economic devel-

opment for a brighter future. The Asia-Pacific region today features proactive initiatives for market opening and liberalization comes of striking economic growth. The time is past when Asian markets could be seen as tightly closed to protect indigenous industry from the threat of

Western competition. The APEC members account for about 40 percent of the world population and world trade and about 60 percent of world GDP. Crucial to the world economy and with a bright future before them. these countries are making deter-mined efforts for trade and invest-Asia-Pacific region. ment liberalization and facilitation and for further promotion of economic and technical cooperation. APEC is fast becoming one of

The writer is prime minister of Japan.

By Tomiichi Murayama

frameworks for the prosperity of its member peoples. Since its founding, APEC has

stood out from other regional frameworks in its advocacy of open regional cooperation and free trade. With much of the world rightly concerned about the rise of exclusionary regionalism and protectionism, APEC has an extremely important role to play as a framework for open regional cooperation to sustain and strengthen the WTO-centered

multilateral free-trading system. Given APEC's importance, President Bill Clinton convened the region's economic leaders for a visionary meeting the year before last in Seattle, and President Suharto set forth the long-term goals for liberalization last year in Bogor, Indonesia. As chair of this year's leaders meeting, my main task is to get APEC to translate these goals into action.

Specifically, we need to devise framework for implementing the leaders' political will, as stated in Bogor, to achieve free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific no later than 2010 for the industrialized economies and 2020 for the developing economies, and to intensify development cooperation.

This framework is in the action agenda drawn up by Japan and the other APEC members — a road the member economies on the way to achieving the Bogor goals.
With the drafting of this action

agenda, the Osaka meetings mark APEC's transition from concept to action. I intend to fulfill Japan's responsibilities as this year's chair and to get a meaningful action agenda adopted that will provide specific guidelines for longterm cooperation and develop-Economic and technical coop-

eration is also important, as are trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, for reducing ecothe most important cooperative nomic disparities in the region.

Japan proposed a Partners for Progress mechanism in Bogor that we will flesh out in Osaka consistent with the action agenda, so that APEC can make a bigger effort to address such regional issues as human resources development

and technology transfer.

Each of the APEC member economies is going to bring a list of initial actions to Osaka stating what it can do now for liberalization and facilitation. Taking the initiative as chair, Japan will unveil a meaningful list of initial actions in such areas as accelerating implementation of the Uruguay Round commitments and deregulating.

APEC's trade and investment liberalization is to be achieved with concerted action grounded in voluntarism and collective initiative. The APEC membership is extremely diverse - politically,

economically and culturally — and there are major differences in its members' economic systems. stages of development and levels of liberalization. It is wiser and more realistic to respect each member economy's voluntary initiatives for market opening and to take collective action, with continuing consultations and reviews aimed at ensuring that the different economies' actions are balanced and concerted.

Recognizing the benefits of liberalization, a number of APEC economies have voluntarily reduced their tariffs since the conclusion of the Uruguay Round, This has been called a unique Asia-Pacific way. It might be likened to an orchestra in which each member is playing his or her own instrument yet the result is a harmonious performance.

Together with the other leaders in Osaka, I intend to exercise the necessary leadership so that each player can be at his or her best and the first movement of this historic

APEC symphony is music to ev-

eryone's ears.
Today's obvious economic growth has generated manifest optimism in the Asia-Pacific region, Yet, coupled with population growth, it will almost inevitably, result in more demand for food and energy resources and increased pressures on the environment. We inust not ignore these and other challenges that lie ahead.

From the long-term and strate-gic perspective, I expect the APEC member economies to join hands to deal with the various issues that threaten to hobble the building of an open and prosperous Asia-Pacific economy. It is imperative that we begin these collective efforts now so as to keep the Asia-Pacific flame of hope lit.

APEC's efforts to promote open regional cooperation are bound to contribute significantly to economic development not only in the Asia-Pacific region but throughout the world.

Europe Needs Still Freer World Trade

C TOCKHOLM — The signif-Dicance of the year 1996 in Europe tends to be concentrated on the EU Intergovernmental Conference, But 1996 is also the year for the first ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization, in Singapore. Initiatives long-term overall directions for trade are absolutely crucial for the

economic future of Europe. WTO progress is at least as vital for Europe as many of the internal issues about EU institutions, decision-making procedures and security arrangements, however important they may be, that will be discussed at the In-

tergovernmental Conference.
The rapidly changing world economy has entailed dramatic shifts in trading patterns. The forms of economic activity are changing. The multilateral trad-ing rules have to be adapted accordingly, if the system is to remain relevant.

If we do not meet these re-

It's a nation open for business.

AT&T, Sprint and MCI have

provided long-distance links. Benetton has billboards next to

faded portraits of Che Guevara Adidas and Mizuno sponsor

Cuban athletes. The Italians

have come to sell cars, the Cana-

find yourself "What embargo?"

By Mats Heliström The writer is Swedish minister for foreign trade and European Union affairs.

quirements, for example by failing to reach multilateral trade fields such as telecommunications and investment, governments and the world business community could lose faith in the WTO from the start. The momentum to liberalize world trade has to be sustained.

The recent Stockholm Trade Policy Seminar, to which I invited trade ministers, academics and officials from different parts of the world, was the start of what has to be an intensive process of con-sultation to build a solid strategy for future trade liberalization. If we fail to meet the expec-

tations for the new WTO and for the WTO ministerial meeting in Singapore in December 1996, there is a clear risk that the results obtained in the Uruguay Round could be jeopardized. The world would then see new barriers to free trade, and a growing possibility of trade wars. This must not happen. The results of the Uruguay

Round are a foundation for the future work. We need to get on with the job, within the new framework of the WTO. In the business sector it is often

said that we need a new comprehensive round of multilateral trade negotiations like the Uruguay Round. Others argue in

the opposite direction: a major new trade round would be counterproductive, they say, and risk to freeze development for many years; they add that the way to proceed is by sectorial or item-byitem negotiations.

To concentrate now on plans for! is, in my view, not the best way to get results. It could rather create great frustration. In a number of areas (including agriculture and scrvices), the WTO agreements already commit the members to. continued negotiations, to be completed by specific dates. The WTO should be made competent to ne-

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gotiate sector by sector. Today we see dramatic development in regional trade arrangements in all parts of the world -APEC, Mercosur, NAFTA, European Union, among others. This is basically a positive sign, insofar as it reflects a desire to liberalize; trade and open up markets. This has to be reflected in the new trade negotiation setup. These regional projects in trade integration can open up new ways for future global liberalization, and in many case

es have already done so. There is a need for change in, the WTO procedures so as to linkdifferent regional agreements in such a way that countries outside: them could benefit from the liber eralization results. A good case, can be made for bringing matters; like this up for discussion at the ministerial meeting of the WTO in Singapore in 1996.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Wine to Water PARIS - The Garde Republi-

caine is on strike at the present moment, but it is only a strike in which they refuse to drink wine. According to the Petit Parisien the brigadiers receive 1fr. 10c. per day for their food, without drink. Each garde consumes daily at his own expense one litre of wine and one cup of coffee. He originally paid 60c. for the former, and it is because of the increase in price by 10c, that the men have foresworn all wines and spirits. They now will drink only water.

1920: Immigration Bill

WASHINGTON — Representative Albert Johnson of Washingmigration and Naturalisation his committee will begin to-morrow [Nov. 15] to draw up a new

time to pour into the country inincreasing numbers from troubled European nations. During the past week, 19,621 were admitted through Ellis Island.

1945: Deadly Discovery NEW YORK - The Allies have:

uncovered a vast Nazi hoard of poison gas, totaling 250,000 tous in Western Germany alone, Brig-adier General Alden H. Waitt said in an interview here. The discovery gave evidence of the "amazing extent of German preparedness for chemical warfare." General Waitt 's said that although the United States was producing 'the most powerful, war gases known to science,' the margin of supremacy might be fortive Albert Johnson of Washing-ton, Chairman of the House Im-search. As a "lesson in prepared." ness," he pointed out that Ger-Committee, has announced that many never made use of her tremendous gas warfare potential; even in the Normandy invasions Bill to enforce greater restrictions on immigration. Immigrants con-

Getting In on the Action in Cuba

SAN FRANCISCO — Thanks to a Cubana Air flight from a West Indian isle, 1 recently joined the growing number of Americans who have crossed a final frontier of the Cold War. Cuba is one of the hottest destinations in the Westem Hemisphere.

The tourists go for sun and sand, but they also bring change. And if enough Americans went, they could bring down their govemment's embargo. Quite a few vanquis are al-ready there. Cuba may be com-

munism's last haven, a Galapages of the Cold War, but more and more American executives are scouting the terrain.
On Oct. 6, the day President Bill Clinton relaxed travel restrictions. Time Warner escorted an entourage of corporate executives to dine with the aging dictator in Havana. Fidel Cas-

GM, Lockheed, the Gap, Sears, K-mart. Hyatt and two dozen other giants. Most Americans still have to go via Mexico, or elsewhere in Latin America, or the Bahamas. As you would expect, they are

tro's table included the heads of

an odd collection. There was the author of bestselling thrillers, who confessed, when caught by surprise in a pizzeria near the old Havana Hilton, that he had come in search of material.

By Andrew Meier

There was the Southern Baptist, on leave from his floor-tiling business in Georgia, who had come to save the souls, as he put it, of "the voodoo shell-

Most surprising were the prospectors eager to make the most of Mr. Castro's fading memory of Marxism. "Hundreds of American businessmen have been here," said a cor-respondent who has lived in Cuba for years. "They know the place is coming up for sale." Cuba drifts somewhere be-

tween communism and capitalism. In an air-conditioned hotel room in Havana you watch Bosnians on CNN waiting for bread, while a block away, in the ruins of a colonial villa, men carry home buckets of water five flights up marble stairs.

You pay everywhere in dollars and get change in the tourists-only currency - convertible to the dollar at one-toone. At a hotel bar you have two Coca-Colas, one from Mexico. one from Canada. Like the Campbell's and Gerber's in the the embargo. They can go, now, dollars-only stores, they are the and trade with the enemy. forbidden fruit of NAFTA.

The Oklahoma oil-and-gas

dians to dig for minerals, the Israelis to plant citrus groves, the Spanish to run resorts. In its strange intermezzo, Cube has the desperate characters I saw in Moscow a few years ago. Pubescent prostitutes in search of exit visas are outnumbered only by the hard-currency scavengers

who sense opportunity.

But the end may not loom so near for the old guerrilla. Fear pervades Mr. Castro's island. and there is no sign of any Cubano Lech Walesa mobilizing in the cigar factories. Mr. Castro's move in September to allow businesses wholly owned by foreigners will only fortify Cubans who have dollars, and who are the backbone of his rule.

Americans who want to bring democracy and free enterprise to Cuba needn't be stopped by

Mr. Meier, who writes often about the former Soviet bloc, man next to you orders a Jack Daniels and a pack of Marl- contributed this comment to The boros. In Havana, in short, you New York Times.

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The U.S. Press Faces Two Threats: Its Own Judgment and Big Business

NEW YORK — Colin Pow-ell did make one slip during his elegant news conference declining to run for the presidency.

He was too nice to the press. That was generous, but it does not help the press, which has two increasing problems.

One comes from the tobacco business. The other comes from ourselves. To meet them, newspeople have to be clear-minded about both. Let's begin with ourselves.

General Powell was asked about the publication of a story saying that his wife was taking medication for depression. He said he had no complaints.

I do. Since in news judgment I am the former general, he the reluctant draftee, that settles that.

The story — first printed by The Philadelphia Inquirer and picked up by Newsweek — was not news, not pertinent and not our business. Mrs. Powell was not considering running for of-fice. Her medical history does not belong to the public unless

she chooses to announce it.

If the editors' rationalization was that his wife's problem might influence General Powell's decision, it would be a story only if she were refusing to take medication that helps her give sensible advice to her busband.

The fact that the story was printed implies that what millions of Americans do every day - obey medical instruction on handling depression is somehow pertinent when done by one person thrust into the news. It is no more pertinent than medication taken by the spouses of the editors.

By A. M. Rosenthal

Finally - for emphasis - it is an invasion of privacy. The press has to invade privacy every day. But I cling to the belief that journals that regard their role as responsible - and The Inquirer and Newsweek do have the moral and journalistic right to violate privacy only when necessary to make a significant news point, oot because it is titillating or, shoot me, even for a cockamamie exclusive.

I am dealing with the respectable press. There are others whose existence depends on peddling gossip and violating privacy.

The mounting threat from business was shown on "60" Minutes" — more accurately, not shown. But Mike Wallace put the issue on the air straight

CBS management ordered the cancellation of an interview with a former executive of the Brown & Williamsoo Tobacco Corp. who is critical of the industry. He signed a gag agreement when he joined the company. CBS lawyers feared the network could be sued as an accessory to breaking that agreement.

Perhaps there was risk, under legal interpretations in some states. But taking risks for an important cause is part of being in the news business, a payback for the First Amendment, If other news companies bow to having their mouths zippered by business, without fighting to the Supreme Court, any worried manufacturer of anything from chemicals to baby rattles

will demand that every employee sign gag contracts. Farewell to vital consumer information that business prefers to keep quiet.

On June 14, 1971, hours before The New York Times was to print the third installment of the Pentagon Papers, Lord, Day & Lord, a law firm advising the paper, warned that the law would punish us severely. The lawyers walked out on the paper when it turned down their nervous - but, as the Supreme Court later decided, erroneous advice to desist at once.

The Times publishing management overrode those lawyers and stood with the news staff. Management and newspeople recognized that the question was not how could we publish that treasury of confidential documents on the conduct of the Vietnam War, but how could we not. It was a risk, but not as big as that taken by correspondents sent to battles, then and now, by

The Times, or by CBS. The privacy and business issues have a link, not so much legal as moral. More and more, the press unnecessarily violates privacy, including that of people like Mrs. Powell who find themselves "public figwith little recourse to law. These invasions of privacy are constitutional. They are

also disgusting.

So the press cannot be astonished if the public does not rush to its defense when business also exercises the right to be disgusting, by trying to shut the mouth of the press about certain matters. For instance. lung cancer.

The New York Times

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shared Problems

It is ironic that I, a Jordanian Arab who is also a law student, write to condemn the assassi-nation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Instead of plotting to kill his own prime minister, the Israeli law student assassin should bave been spending serious thought on ly how to build upon the framework for a just and dignified peace for all.

The assassination has not only underlined the deep divisions engulfing all societies in the region on the issue of peace; it has also highlighted the very considerable risks regional leaders have chosen to undertake.

Whether they like it or not, Israelis and Arabs are now united by a new mutual bond: the tuture of the region.

Arabs and Israelis are also challenged by another mutual threal: religious extremism. If we as citizens cannot con-

from extremists' vile acts, we should at least distance ourselves from their actions, physically and intellectually.

The poliocal vacuum that Mr. Rabin has left may be difficult to fill. But it is now incumbent on the Israeli center to carry the torch of peace that the extremist Israeli right is relentlessly trying to douse. LU'AYY MINWER

AL-RIMAWI.

Sacre Bleu!

Regarding Sacred Blue! The French President Spoke English" (Opinion, Oct. 26): Jacques Chirac is not the first French leader to speak English Georges Clemenceau lived for more than three years in the United States (1865-69). married an American girl and spoke perfect English. At the end of 1922, he toured the United States, delivering numerous speeches in the native language.

It is true that Charles de of the court to write in con-Gaulle did not readily speak English, probably because be felt incapable of mastering the pronunciation. But he never insisted on restricting himself in public to the French language. During his official visit to Germany in 1962, he delivered several short speeches in the "awful German language," quote Mark Twain.

As for Diderot, I don't know wbether he spoke English, but he was interested in the language, writing an "Eloge de Richardson" in 1761. Voltaire, the greatest of all French 18th-century writers, was exiled to England and mastered the language.
PIERRE DELOYE.

Ville d'Avray, France.

Armenia's Reactor

Regarding "Armenia (Nuclear) Power Struggle" (Oct. 25): The author writes about "energy-starved" Armenia's plans to restart its nuclear reactor, which is not up to Western safe-

But, incredibly, no mention was made of the reason for the desperation that has forced Armenians to risk opening up the nuclear reactor at Metsamor.

For more than five years, Armenia has been under an economic blockade by Azerbaijan and has been deprived of all energy supplies and other basic necessities

At the heart of this is the dispute over the Azerbaijan region of Nagomo-Karabakh, which is populated mostly by Armenians.

The West has watched this situation with total indifference, with not even an attempt at calling Azerbaijan to order. SONIA MEGHREBLIAN. lvry-sur-Seine, France.

Court Clarification

As the registrar of the International Court of Justice, 1 have been asked by the president

nection with an article by Jeremy J. Stone entitled "When Nuclear Weapons Are Summoned Into Court (Opinion, Oct. 31). Mr. Stone referred to the re-

quest for advisory opinion submitted by the United Nations General Assembly on the question of the legality of the "Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons," which, together with a request for advisory opinion submitted by the World Health Organization on the question of the "Legality of the Use by a State of Nuclear Weapons in Armed Conflict.' is currently the subject of hear-

ings before the court. The article stated that "in an amicus brief sent to the court, the Federation of American Scientists ... has urged it to consider the merits" of a Declaratory Proposition formulated by that body and, further on, that the federation had dared to put its "two bits into

these august proceedings."

I would like to point out that, contrary to the impression that may have been given by the article, the amicus brief has been received by the court but has oot been admitted as part of the record in these cases. It is, however, available to members of

the court in their library. The court has received oumerous documents, petitions and representations from nongovernmental organizations. professional associations and other bodies that, while they have no formal standing in the proceedings before it, wish to communicate their views on the subject matter of these im-

portant cases. The court would like to make it clear that all such documents are given consistent treatment. and that the Federation of American Scientists has not been accorded more favorable consideration in this respect than any

other body.

EDUARDO VALENCIA-OSPINA The Hague.

Israel Is Sole Guarantor of Peace Among Jews

NEW YORK — The grief and ac-rimony surrounding the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has introduced a poisonous and dangerous concept: that somehow there is a basis in Jewish law for an individual to assassinate a leader deemed guilty of betraying the interests of Jews.

Revolted as they are by the assertion by Yigal Amir, who confessed to the

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murder, that his action was an "obligation." many Jews find themselves confused about the legal underpinnings of the claim. In fact, there are none.

In recent days, leaders of the religious Jewish community have addressed this question. They argue that even under the most literal interpretations of Jewish tradicions, there is no basis for anyone taking the law into his own hands and carrying out an execution.

Free-lance individuals are not qualified to determine whether someone is a traitor, and violence is condoned only if all other efforts to stop a threat are exhausted.

By Steven R. Weisman

This is an important and timely argument because the history of violeot internecine conflict among Jews is longer than might be supposed. In-deed, it dates from biblical times.

There were terrible conflicts, for instance, between religious Jews and those who became captivated by the teachings and traditions of the ancient Greeks. Even now, religious Jews speak of secular Israelis as having Helenistic tendencies.

Later harreds among the Pharisees, Sadducees and other sects and splinter groups are often cited by historians as a major reason why the Romans could destroy the Temple in Jerusalem and subjugate the Jews.
Rivalries continued through me-

dieval times and flared again with the rise of the Hasidic movement in 18thand 19th-century Europe.

The Zionist movement renewed the old conflicts in a new form, with its great split between the secular socialists of the Labor Party, for whom the

the larger goal of establishing a mod-em democratic society, and the rightwing followers of Vladimir Jabotinsky, known as Revisionists, for whom the acquisition of land, meaning all of Palestine, was a historical or even di-

vine imperative.

The birth of the modern Jewish state was also marked by episodes of frat-ricidal violence. Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah, was not alone in being reminded last week of the 1933 murder of Chaim Arlosoroff, the bright young star of the

Labor Party, presumably by a rightist.
Embittered rightists, on the other hand, recalled an episode in 1948, during the war of independence, when right-wing Jewish forces defied Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's order to respect a truce and tried to deliver arms to a beach near Tel Aviv. As Israeli forces, which included the young Ra-bin, fired on the ship, it burst into

flames, killing more than 80 Jews.
One of the great historical ironies of Israel is that Messianic Jews could take up the cause of hanging on to the land of Greater Israel only after Israel got

acquisioon of land was only a means to hold of the West Bank and Jerusalem in the 1967 war - a war that succeeded because of the military prowess of a secular man, Yitzhak Rabin. But Mr. Rabin's conquest of these territories has been small consolation to the zealots in light of his willingness to

exchange land for peace. Most Israeli Jews are not religious, and only a tiny fraction of the most religious believe in taking the law into their own hands. But the assassination shows this fraction has the power to throw Judaism itself into turmoil.

Looking back over this long history of conflict, the Israeli writer A. B. Yehoshua once wrote that all during their 2,000 years of exile after the Temple's destruction by the Romans, Jews carried a subliminal fear that, if ever they were to return to Jerusalem.

the old hatreds would crupt again. The point missed by the zealots now is that the modern democratic state of Israel, far from threatening the survival of Judaism, is the only guarantor that the violence that has been a part of Jewish history can be tamed.

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By Allan Kozinn New York Times Service

ONDON — "They used us as an excuse to go mad, the world did, and then blamed it on us," George Harrison observes a couple of hours into "The Beatles Anthology," the television documentary to which Harrison, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr have been contributing reminiscences for the last four years.

Back together for the project - with John Lennon represented by excerpts from radio and television interviews be gave before be was murdered in 1980 — their idea was to tell the Beatles' story in their own words.

The Beatles, after all, have been the most thoroughly dissected and analyzed musi-cians of the 20th century. They eclipse even Elvis Presley as the subject of books, documentaries and critical studies, not only because their work represents a creative peak in the history of popular music but also because they influenced the attitudes of a generation. Now fixtures in our culture, they

single-minded slogging. And as they approach their mid-50s, the time seemed right to put their memories on tape before they grew too murky or too encrusted in myth.

One thing that comes through in the documentary is the group's ambivalence about Beatlemania. Yet if there is one place where that spirit lives, it is on Abbey Road, in the elegantly appointed Knightsbridge headquarters of Apple, the company the Beatles founded in 1967 to oversee the band's business affairs.

Concert posters line a foyer wall that leads into the office, with its two-story wall of gold and platinum records and its reception area dominated by Richard Avedon's 1968 psychedelic portraits. Right now, Apple's staff of about five is putting into motion a plan meant to rekindle the world's fascination with the Fab Four. Apple's six-bour documentary, which will be broadcast by ABC next Sunday and on

Liverpool to global fame was a matter of and a series of compact disks of previously unreleased tousic.

The Beatles have added to the allure of the occasion by contributing two "new" songs, "Free as a Bird" and "Real Love." which were created when the surviving Beatles added vocal harmonies, instruments and new lyrics to two of Lennon's working tapes, supplied by his widow, Yoko Ono. All this may not Apple \$130 million next

year, according to Forbes magazine, which recently listed the Beatles as the world's best-paid rock band this year, a quarter century after their breakup. But money aside, the attraction of the project for the Beatles is that after years of

out, proved as fallible as anyone else's. 'Our memories were terrible," McCartney said recently in New York. "We found that after all those years, none of us could

member it. And their memories, as it turned

seemed to have leaped fully formed into the limelight. But their climb from obscurity in will be followed by home-video releases supposed to be the definitive, authorized Davies on an authorized biography, "The tradictions are so vivid that the production

'But it's no wonder we don't remember it all," he added. "In the 'Anthology' you can see the chaos we were going through. I think this is as definitive as it can be.'

Actually, the facts of the Beatles' story are well established, thanks largely to the exhaustive research of Mark Lewisohn, wbo uncovered the group's paper trail, interviewed hundreds of people who worked with them between the time Lennon formed the Quarry Men, in 1957, and the Beatles' breakup in 1970, and listened to all the

tapes in the Beatles' library.

These efforts yielded "The Beatles Recording Sessions" and "The Complete Beatles Chronicle," books that offered dereading, hearing and seeing others tell their story, it allows them to tell it as they re-

tailed accounts of the group's working life. There are times in the series when the Beatles get the documented facts wrong yet offer a perspective that goes beyond them. Still, this is hardly their first telling of this tale. They told it in thousands of inter-

Beatles," in 1967 and 1968.

For a year, Davies interviewed the Beatles and their friends and relatives and sat in on composing and recording sessions. But his book was published two years before the breakup. And the Beatles had bowdlerized the manuscript, tearing out indiscreet stories of life on tour.

ERE they more frank this time? "We were pretty frank," McCartney said, but not brutally frank. I was particularly frank about the breakup. It was hard to talk about, and I realized that George and Ringo still didn't know the facts from my side. But there were one or two subjects where we thought, 'Do we really need thar?' Drugs, for instance. We've all got kids oow, and none of us wants, at our age, to come out and say, 'Jeez, man, those drugs were great.' "

tradictions are so vivid that the production crew — Chips Chipperfield, the producer, Geoff Wonfor, the director, and Bob Smeaton, the writer and series director have presented them as a kind of "Rashomon." "You have to tell a version of the truth," Chipperfield observed. "But. you know, the truth is transient, and it can be all over the place."

So what's in this for the Beatles? The money's not bad, but they could make even more if they accepted the \$100 million re-portedly offered for a tour, a prospect Mc-Cartney called "unseemly." The spotlight that "Anthology" will throw on the Beatles might help jump-start their solo careers. But Derek Taylor, the Beatles' publicity officer on and off since 1964, offers a more poetic view: "What I want for this 'Anthology' is for people to be reminded that it did happen, that it was as big as we thought and that it was amply justified because here is the music. This was the 20th century's greatest As authorized versions go, this is re-romance."

LONDON STAGE



Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Connor in Jerry Herman's "Mack & Mabel" at the Piccadilly.

'Mack & Mabel' in Search of 'Mame'

By Sheridan Morley rnational Herald Tribun

ONDON — The probbel," at the Piccadilly dozens of beautiful girls or in its long-awaited London decrowds of slapstick policemen, but, is exactly what it was on Broadway more than 20 years actors desperately trying to fill ago: great score, pity about the

Unlike Herman's other musical classics, from "Hello Dolno original novel or play or pioneer, and his star, Mabel der and Ebb. Normand. They were oot an attractive pair, and there is his- uncharismatic. Neither Howard torical evidence that they were McGillin nor Caroline O'Cononly ever a love match in very normake you want to love them limited terms.

Stewart, in writing the book, and now Herman, in trying to patch it

The miracle of the National up, have had to take considerable biographical liberties with Courage" is that nobody in Mack and Mabel's lives, ages and general relationship, yet we used the word Brechtian. David cared about Mame or Dolly.

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sequence of showstopping numbers that have no sbow to stop. Paul Kerrysoo's production, in from Leicester, is dislem with Jerry Her-man's "Mack & Ma-when Herman's lyrics refer to we look up to see about a dozen out a big set. You always need to throw tooney, and then a lot

toore money, at Herman musicals because they are essen-'through "Mame" to "La tially pageants of great show-Cage aux Folles," this one has manship in a tradition that goes back through Irving Berlin to toovie to fall back on. Instead it George M. Cohan. Kerryson's relies on the two characters of low-budget treatment works and her survival demands.

The casting is also a little or them to love each other, and Accordingly, the late Michael without that, all we have are

rehearsal ever seems to have still deep down don't really care Hare's new adaptation, like his about either of them the way we recent "Galileo" for the Almeida, cuts through the un-As a result, we are left with a dergrowth of apparatus and

footnoting that has grown up this half-century around the German dramatist and gives us a brisk, cool version committed to no pet scholastic or political theories as to what the play might be about.

Similarly, Diana Rigg in the title role takes the straight showbiz route. Recalling perhaps that Brecht once suggested either Ethel Merman or Mae West as his perfect Broadway casting for the lady with the cart, she gives us a legendary survivor of all known war, unafraid to twist the knife or tug the heartstrings as the moment

has also surrounded her with some of the best character actors Dramatists' Guild. in town (we even get a fleeting visit from Michael Gough as the Very Old Colonel), so what usually becomes a one-woman show is in fact filled out with all

the personalities of an epic.
But precisely because she is oot confined within a single thesis, Rigg's power here is immense: Dragging her followers across the world in pursuit of the wars that provide her only livelihood, she is at once comic and tragic, terrific and terrible in her Yorkshire accent and her timeless belief that God only helps those who help themselves to anything they can lay

It's a brave burnorist who sitive production brings out the takes on as his first play a loving best of its five players.

parody of one of the greatest comic dramatists of the century, but (at the Southwark Playbouse only until Saturday) Miles Kington's "Waiting for Stoppard" has a lot going for it. Satirists have always had a tough time making that

crossover. The American theater is littered with flops by Ogden Nash and James Thurber, and over here we still wait the first play by Alan Coren. But Kingston's detailed knowledge of every Stoppard conceit, to-gether with his own considerable talent for expert mockery, adds up to the kind of amiable evening that might have worked for the annual dinner of the

At the Donmar Warehouse, his fourth new play in only two years; for a writer still in his middle twenties, this is a rare strike rate, and there are already signs that Harvey wishes to escape his original typecasting as the feel-good writer of light, gay soap operas. This time there's a lot more blood on the carpet at the end of what started out a situation comedy about odd-couple Londoo flat-sharers trying to make sense of each other's idiosyncrasies. To some extent Harvey's people are still stereotypical: the closet gay. A new score by Jonathan the one who likes to drag up, the Dove evokes Weill and Sond-certifiably mad girl downstairs, heim in equal measure, and a and the apparently normal one play whose previous history at who turns out to be as screwed the National (and indeed the up as the rest. But Harvey Barbican) had never been a writes them with such love and happy one suddenly comes to brilliant British dramatic life of ploming becomes irrelevant, and John Burgess's hugely sen-

Schoenberg Redux: Paris 'Moses'

By David Stevens tional Herald Tribune

ARIS - As part of an autumn season devoted heavily to the music and iconography of Arnold Schoenberg, the Théâtre du Châtelet is presenting the completed two acts of the composer's unfinished opera 'Moses ond Aron' in a musically strong, dramatically abstract production.

It would be hard to imagine a stronger contrast than between production and Peter Stein's highly mobile, cborus-oriented staging of this rarely performed work a month ago in Amsterdam — a realization that will also he seen at next sum-

mer's Salzburg Festival. Herbert Wernicke, who was responsible for everything visual at the Châtelet - stage direction, sets, costumes and lighting — leaves much to the onlooker's imagination and to the physical and vocal skills of the two artists in the title roles, Aage Haugland as the imposing giant, brooding bear of a man,

but inarticulate Moses and with voice to match, in the spo-performed their musical ones. Philip Languidge as his glib ken, or *Sprechstimme*, role of impressively. mouthpiece. Agron, who goes too far in making the Word of God visible.

Wernicke's stage presented one basic picture. In the foreground was a veritable mountain of books at the top of which Moses sat most of the time. It was symbolic of his mountain of knowledge and perhaps also of the mountain he had to climb to get his orders from the Lord.

Looming behind that was the banal facade of what looked like a modern, low-rent apartment house, from the windows of which the chorus popped out to perform its various duties. The front row of orchestra seats was the base of operations for the male chorus of elders, who climbed on the stage to dispute

with Aaron. Moses and Aaron wore tuxedos, which set the sartorial tone the voluptuousness of the mofor a presentation that had nothing visual to remind the viewer of the Old Testament setting.

Moses, and Langridge, serpentine, light-footedly mobile and mpressively secure in Aaron's demanding operatic tenoriz-

Of the famous orgy around the Golden Calf, precious little was suggested for the eye — Los Angeles. some animal masks, someone waving a revolver, a fleeting, slightly ludicrous act of

O matter, the real orgy was going on in the Schoenberg has organized a highly complex but sen-suous orgy of tone color, and under Christoph von Dolmanyi's controlled but lyrical direction, the Philharmonia Orchestra delivered itself up to

The combined choruses of Instead there were Haugland, a Philharmonic, relieved of any ations affected in one way or

npressively.
Through Dec. 7, the corridors of the theater are the site of an exhibition devoted to an exhibition of documents, scores, photos, letters relating to the composer, with the aid of the

The musical program, put on in conjunction with the Festival d'Autonne, has already included a concert performance of the one-act opera "Voo Heute auf Morgen," conducted by Pierre Boulez. Still to come, begin-ning Nov. 25, is a theater bill that includes the monodrama "Erwartung" and a ballet set to "Verklärte Nacht" by Anna Teresa de Keersmaeker.

The pianist Emanuel Ax and some of his musical friends are performing much of the chamber music in a series of concerts, and a series of midday concerts puts Schoenberg's music in juxtaposition with that the Châtelet and the Slovak of composers of later genervery complicated stage duties, another by this musical giant,

Tarantino: Saturday Night Dead

By Caryn James

EW YORK — It has been little more than a year since "Pulp Fiction" opened. Here are just a few things that have happened since then to Quentin Tarantino, the film's 32-year-old writer and director:

The English language evolved new terms to describe his influence, including Has he worn out his welcome? Jonathan Harvey's "Rupert Tarantinoid, Taranteenies, Tarantinolike Street Looely Hearts Club" is and Reservoir Pups.

 He appeared in cameo roles in several had movies.

· He directed an episode of "E.R" for He directed and acted in a segment of 'Four Rooms," an anthology movie for

which he was also an executive producer. The movie was panned at the Toronto Film Festival, rejected by the New York Film Festival and scheduled for a Christmas re-• He signed a deal to choose obscure

films to be distributed by Miramax; his production company started a branch to make television commercials. • He became the subject of three full-

length biographies, all of which will earnestly tell you he has an IQ of 160. Finally, last week, he wore out his wel-

come and gave up his hipper-than-thou status by acting as host of that aging bastion of unhipness, "Saturday Night Live." It's not entirely his fault that he failed to make the show funny or alive.

But it matters that throughout the show Tarantino played off an image — the video kid, the geek-turned-star — that already



seems stale. How did so talented a director (as opposed to some flavor-of-the-month supermodel) go into overload so fast? Tarantino responded to success by leap-ing into the dangerous role of director as pop-culture celebrity. He became part of a vicious circle of publicity, in which he fed the media and they fed him. The audience for "SNL" couldn't help feeling like a

Tarantino-stuffed goose. Paradoxically, by acting as if he really did have only 15 minutes of fame, he provoked a career backlash that didn't have to happen. With its rapid-fire braggadocio, endless television-bred references and a pretense of not caring what anyone thinks, Tarantino's without being especially likable.

"Saturday Night Live" evoked the worst of that personality, tapping into its famil-iarity and streak of adolescent humor withof satirizing it.

the greatest moment in television history. A "This Is Your Life" parody hauled out a character who once rented "Robocop" from Tarantino at Video Archives, the store where he famously worked as a clerk.

He played himself as the host of a parody called "Directors on Directing," in which he did nothing but ask actors playing Spike Lee, Oliver Stone and Gus Van Sant he admits, because he was an unattractive geek who couldn't get a date at Video Archives. Snooze. This entire sketch did not get one chuckle from the audience.

The only genuine comic possibility was unrealized. As a guest on "Leg Up," a talk-show spoof, a Debbie Reynolds character suggests that she and Ann Miller star in a new Tarantino movie, "Reservoir Cats."

ARANTINO is oot nearly washed up, of course. He has acted with George Clooney in a vampire movie, "From Dusk Till Dawn" (set to open in February), directed by Ro-driguez from a reworked Tarantino script. He is writing the screenplay and may direct "Rum Punch," based on the Elmore Leonard novel. And there's a lot to be said for a newly famous director lending his clout public persona has always been fascinating as producer and distributor. There are plenty of worse ways to handle fame and money. But there are better ways to manage a

career. Tarantino, in a preemptive move, recently told Premiere magazine that the out hinting why "Pulp Fiction" and media are "sick of me." (He might consider "Reservoir Dogs" (1992) hit moviegoers wby; maybe he's just in everyone's face too like a shot of adrenaline to the heart. The much.) But he's wrong when he says critics show refers to the Tarantino image, instead are ready to pounce on him. No one is waiting to hate him any more than they were He sang and danced to a song from the waiting to worship him before "Pulp Fic-series" Bewitched," claiming the song as

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Politics From Washington Nixon's piano, as much as presidency and the polines of By Kenneth O'Reilly. Free Press. race backwards and forwards in history.

This may seem to be a sweeping overstatement, but O'Reilly's documentation of THE title of this study of the racial attitudes and policies American presidents and of all the presidents leaves no

sues, but in two senses it is most

race is drawn from an incident doubt that it is accurate. at the Gridiron Club's annual O'Reilly believes that the dinner in 1970. The gentlemen Southern strategy made famous, or infamous, by Nixon in the of the press had completed their sophomoric skits and had 1972 presidential election has turned over the stage to Richard always been "the gut organiz-Nixon and his vice president, ing principle of American pol-Spiro Agnew. Each sat at a piano. Nixon played a medley of This is a somewhat more dufamiliar traditional songs, but bious proposition, given that was repeatedly interrupted by American politics must come to

ducing "louder and louder" certainly true: Americans have laughter from the audience. argued over race since the When Richard Nixon founding of the Republic, and played his piano at the Gridiron their principal leaders have on-Club in 1970," Kenneth ly rarely encouraged them to do almost unbroken. The notable O'Reilly writes. "the perfor- so in sober or responsible mance symbolized more than ways.

Agnew, who "drowned him

manic Dixie on his piano," pro-

ing political horror," but kept mands for full equality. his own counsel on the subject because, in his own words, "it behooves me to prevent the

slaves. Two centuries later Bill Clinton, "arguably the least prejudiced of the 41 men who preceded him," won the presidency in a close election in which be played racial tunes by in effect chastising Sister Soulgrips with a vast array of social. out a few bars into each with a economic and ideological is-

emancipation" of his own

tough-guy bona fides with record of presidential evasion, ever else they may be, our presopportunism, cowardice and cynicism on the matter of race is exemplars. exceptions, O'Reilly argues, are

The record of presidential at- Johnson, but even these records titudes toward African Ameri- are tarnished; Lincoin came recans is uniformly dreary. From luctantly to his repudiation of Washington to Clinton, not a slavery clinging for a long time anything else, symbolized the single man has assumed the na- to the will-o'-the-wisp of black non's highest office with an un- colonization in Africa or elsecompromised commitment to where, and Johnson ended his equal rights and opportunities administration bitterly angry at for black Americans. George black leaders who, he believed, Washington "saw slavery as a had betrayed him by growing moral abomination and a loom- ever more militant in their de-

Colonization was a solution favored by many 19th-century presidents, presumably on the grounds that out of sight is out of mind. Some went further than that. Five of the first seven presidents owned slaves. While it is true that political

leaders are rarely much better than those who elect them it is also true that this persistent inability and/or unwillingness to jah in order to establish his provide positive leadership in race relations does not speak well for the men who have oc-Between these two men, the cupied the White House. Whatidents are hardly moral

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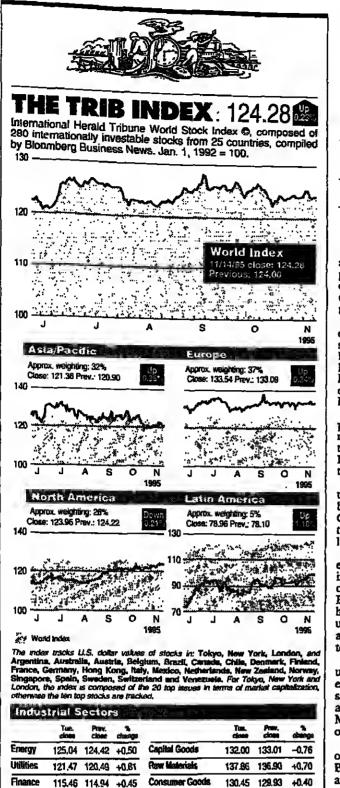
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Daimler Has Rise In Sales

But Loss for Year Is Still Foreseen

Compiled by Our Staff From Departers
BONN — Daimler-Benz AG said Tuesday that sales rose 3 percent in the first nine months of 1995 and should continue to climb this year, but oot enough to prevent a sbarp loss.

Germany's largest congloinerate said nine-month group sales rose to 72.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$51.13 billion), led by commercial vehicle sales at its Mercedes-Benz division and at Daimler-Benz Interservices, its financial unit.

The company did not publish profit or loss figures for the period. Full-year sales are expected to top last year's 104.1 billion DM, with all units contributing to growth, the company said. But Daimler acknowledged

that not all its problems were behind it and said the strong German currency and restruc-turing costs would mean a sharp loss this year.

The vehicle and aircraft maker had a loss of 1.56 billion DM in the first half largely because of problems at its Daimler-Benz Aerospace unit. Daimler has been working to sell off unprofitable divisions and cut

aerospace jobs to help it return to profitability.

Industry analysts said the fig-ures were about in line with expectations, but that weak carsales figures raised questions about future profit growth at Mercedes-Benz, the backbone Singapore has waged a nine-month battle for the extradition of the 28-year-old Britan so that he may face 11 charges of forgery and fraud

of Daimler's operations.

After falling on initial news of the sales figures, Daimler-Benz shares recovered to close at 695 marks, up 1.3 perceot. Daimler is in the midst of a massive reorganization after di-

thorized trading in futures and options in Sin-gapore and Osaka. Gernot Broschat, a Frankfurt prosecutor, said he expected Mr. Leeson to be handed over to Singapore authorities next week at Frankfurt Justice Ministry said. (Reuters, Bloomberg) versifying into a broad-based technology conglomerate. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

EU-U.S. Film War Looms

By Richard Covington

PARIS - Despite a recent thaw in relations between the European and American movie industries, the European Union is close to approving a revised initiative that could signal a renewed cultural cold front.

At stake are hundreds of millions of dollars of subsidies to be given to the European film and television industries. In addition, current legislation favoring European distributors over American distributors could be toughened.

Critics call the proposal a harbinger of a broader attempt by the European Parliament to place restrictions on the presence of foreign multimedia powers. But by setting out to hobble American companies in favor of European media concerns. U.S. industry spokesmen warn, the parliamentarians risk scaring away investors who are essential to the financing of European cinema.

"Trying to solve the problems of the Eu-

ropean film industry by layering in intrusive regulations is like trying to legislate a great film," said Jim Gianopulos, president of Twentieth Century-Fox International, the U.S.

film concern. "It will not work."

Jack Valenti, chief lobbyist for the American film industry, appeared at a conference this month in Beaune, France, to exhort Europeans to export their films to other countries within the 15-member European Union.

"It's fine to try to penetrate the U.S. market, but why doo't you try to penetrate your neigh-bor countries?' Mr. Valenti asked. Under Media Plan 2, the sequel to a frame-

work of cinema subsidies due to expire Dec. the Europeans appear intent on following Mr. Valenti's advice — even at the risk of excluding major international distributors.

FRANKFURT — Germany on Tuesday approved the extradition of Nicholas Leeson to

Singapore to face charges in connection with the

there. Barings collapsed in February under the weight of \$1.4 billion in losses caused by unau-

Gernot Broschat, a Frankfurt prosecutor, said

film industry are to be published in the European Commission's official journal by the end of November and will be approved soon after that, commission officials say. They should go into effect Jan. 1.

But critics are sniping at the proposal from all sides, objecting that the new provisions threaten to sink rather than save indigenous cinema While European filmmakers and bureaucrats are grousing that the subsidies are far too low, American studio executives warn that the plan's attempts to regulate cinema distribution and promote dubbing are doomed to costly failure.

Liberal members of the European Parliament have mounted a vociferous attack on the proposed Media Plan 2, ridiculing the \$310 million European currency unit (\$409.2 million) budget as derisory. "This is less than the subsidies the EU provides for tobacco or potatoes," said Luciana Castellina, president of the cultural commission for the European Par-

liament. "Surely, cinema is at least as important as potatoes to the Union."

Under the proposal, only companies with a minimum of 51 percent European ownership could qualify for distribution subsidies. This new provision has earned the ire of international distributors such as Warner Brothers
Inc., Columbia Pictures, Walt Disney Co.,
Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. and United
International Pictures, all of which would be
excluded from the subsidy program.

First we are accused of crowding out Eu-

ropean films with American movies," said a U.S. industry spokesman who insisted on anonymity. "Then when we try to distribute European films, we are penalized."

According to the plan, the EU would continue to require films to be shown in three countries before they could qualify for subsidies. Distribution would be coordinated by an existing The new rules to jump-start the European network of independent European distributors.

"This is the decision that we had expected,"

Mr. Leeson's agreement to return and Sin-

gapore's assurances that he would not face ex-

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Singapore's investigation.

court decisioo ordering him to return.

EC Institute Unveils 3-Stage **Currency Plan**

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Monetary Institute unveiled Tuesday a flexible threestage plan for introducing a single currency by 2002 that en-dorsed key German demands about the process.

The president of the institute. Lamfalussy. stressed the need for strict budgetary discipline among countries adopting a single currency and said he shared the motivation behind a proposal launched by Germany last week to impose automatic sanctions on countries that ran large budget deficits.

But the institute's technical blueprint disappointed many private bankers, who had wanted a swifter transition to the new money. It also failed to dispel the real doubts about monetary union, chiefly whether enough European Union countries will get their deficits down in time to launch a single currency in the target year of 1999.

Those doubts were driven home Tuesday by Germany's Council of Economic Advisers, a group of five leading economic institutes, which warned that Bonn itself risked an excessive deficit.

Herbert Hax, the head of the airport - the place be was arrested in early council, said Germany's deficit was expected to hit 3.1 percent of gross domestic product in said Eberhard Kempf, Mr. Leeson's attorney in Germany. "He is prepared to go back." 1995, above the 3 percent ceiling laid down in the Treaty on Mr. Leeson originally fought extradition to European Union signed in Maastricht and up from 2.6 per-Singapore but agreed last mooth not to fight a cent in 1994. Mr. Leeson has pledged to cooperate with

"We do not see the public structural deficit falling back Associated Press reported mucb in 1996," Mr. Hax said in Tuesday from Geneva. Bonn.

was unlikely that enough gov-ernments would meet the deficit slowly than in 1995.

criteria in time for the 1999 deadline and urged govern-ments to let the timetable slip before weakening the criteria.

Mr. Lamfalussy raised eyebrows in Bonn on Oct. 27 when he warned about Germany's rising deficit. He is scheduled to deliver a progress report on national deficits to EU finance ministers

on Nov. 27, but a draft version was rejected last week by national central bank governors for being too critical, according to EU monetary sources.
The insotute's single-currency plan, which is expected to be forwarded to EU leaders at their summit meeting in Madrid on

Dec. 15 and 16, confirms the three-stage approach outlined by Mr. Lamfalussy at an in-formal meeting of finance min-isters and central bankers in Valencia, Spain on Sept. 30. After leaders choose the members of the currency union

in early 1998, a new European central bank will be appointed and have nearly a year to put its systems in place. The second stage will begin Jan. 1, 1999, with the fixing of exchange The final stage will occur no

more than three years after the fixing of rates, when notes and coins will be introduced over a six-month period and the single currency will replace national monies for consumers.

■ World Trade Expands World trade is expected to expand by 8 percent this year, oearly three times the level of growth in global output, according to a new report by the World Trade Organization, The

In an upbeat assessment, it The council's report said it said trade would grow at a ras unlikely that enough gov-healthy rate in 1996 but more

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By John Markoff New York Times Service

AN FRANCISCO — In David Talworld has already begun to devolve, as "tribes" of journalists break away Web, the multimedia portion of the Internet.

The announcement last week that the television and magazine journalist Michael Kinsley would join Microsoft Corp. to create an online magazine devoted to literary and political issues was, as some see it, the most recent indication that a mainstream of digital elec-

tronic media is beginning to emerge.

This new vision will get one of its first public tests this week when the first issue of Salon, described as an interactive magazine of books, arts and ideas, makes its debut on the World Wide Web.

Mr. Talbot, a former arts and features editor at the San Francisco Examiner, has brought together a small staff of like-minded exiles from traditional paper-based publishing and some big-name financial backers, including Apple Computer Inc., Adobe Corp. and the Borders books and music chain, in an effort to reinvent the 19th-century literary salon in cyberspace.

There was a dispirited feeling at the Examiner," said Mr. Talbot, editor of Salon, who conceived the idea of an electronic literary magazine during a bitter strike at the paper last magazine during a bitter strike at the paper last year. "Now the fun and energy is back. We have year. "Now the fun and energy is back. We have an opportunity to create a new journalism." and Saffo, a publishing industry consultant at an opportunity to create a new journalism.

The first issue of Salon, which Mr. Talbot

co-founded in January with David Zweig, a

former Time Inc. marketing manager who is the venture's publisher, will include an interview with the novelist John Le Carré, an essay by the feminist writer Camille Paglia bot's view, the traditional publishing and a column by Andre Braugher, star of the

televisioo show "Homicide."
Mr. Talbot said ooe of the principal adfrom newspapers and magazines to create vi-brant electronic alternatives on the World Wide ity to take advantage of the interactivity that is part of a computerized environment such as the World Wide Web.

Salon, with a core staff of more than a halfdozen former editors and writers from the Examiner, will attempt to blend writing with keyboard "conversations" consisting of responses and commentary from its readers.

In an effort to make its on-line conversations more civilized and courteous than elsewhere on the Internet, which often features harsh exchanges, the editors of Salon will request that readers use their real names when participating in discussions.

The magazine, whose temporary home is an office overlooking San Francisco Bay shared with an architectural firm, will include comics, book and music reviews and a serialized murder mystery.

While start-up ventures such as Salon may not immediately attract much notice from the more traditional publishing world, they are a real threat in the long term to existing publishers, according to some industry analysts.

"If you're a newspaper, your most important

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Japan Says Bad Loans Not So Bad

collapse of Barings PLC.

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - Rattled at home and abroad by a series of recent missteps and failures in the banking sector, the Ministry of Finance announced Tuesday that operating profits had soared in the banking industry and said the amount of banks' bad loans outstanding was lower than it had estimated earlier.

The total amount of bad debts at the end of September was 37.4 trillion yen (\$371 billion), less than some previous estimates, the ministry said. But the amount of bad debts regarded as unrecoverable rose from previous estimates, to 18.29 trillioo yen. That is the equivalent of 3.9 percent of the national economic output in

disclosures seemed aimed at trying to reshape the Finance Ministry's image, which has been battered in recent weeks by the Daiwa Bank scandal, and to influence the view abroad of Japanese banks.

'We can't change the criticism and opinion immediately," said Sei Nakai, a senior

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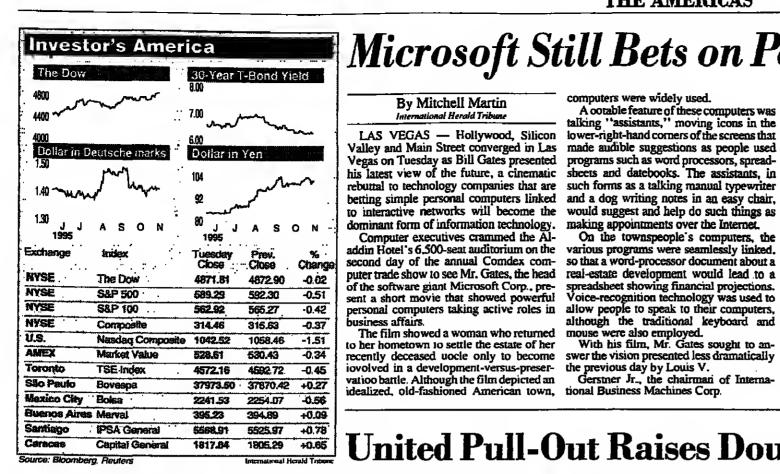
mouse were also employed.

With his film, Mr. Gates sought to an-

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Gerstner Jr., the chairman of Interna-

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The company's American depositary receipts rose to \$18.625

from their initial offering price of \$18. Each ADR is equivalent to

20 ordinary shares. In Jakarta, where the stock exchange held a

special overnight trading session for Telkom, the shares rose as

much as 7 percent, to 2,200 rupiah (96 cents) from 2,050 rupiah in

Analysts said the share's gains may be limited because small investors in Indonesia might try to sell their stock for a quick

profit. The sale was the biggest ever by an Indonesian company.

U.S. retail sales slipped 0.2 percent in October, to a seasonally

adjusted \$197.16 billion, after a revised 0.1 percent rise in

BellSouth Corp. will take a charge of \$665 million in the fourth

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s board will lower the

deposit insurance premiums that commercial banks pay to the

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United Pull-Out Raises Doubts on USAir

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Valley and Main Street converged in Las

Vegas on Tuesday as Bill Gates presented

Computer executives crammed the Al-

The film showed a woman who returned

WASHINGTON - The decision by United Airlines Inc. oot to make a bid for PT Telkom Shares Gain on First Day USAir Inc. raises questions about the long-range future of USAir.

The chairman of United, Gerald Green-NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Shares of PT Telekommunikasi Indonesia rose 3.5 percent in their debut on the New York Stock Exchange as part of the telecommunications company's \$1.59

wald, said after a board meeting Monday that a study showed that a deal meeting all of United's needs was not possible.

In a later message to employees, he acknowledged that "significant doubts"

among the airline's employee-owners the year before taxes.

played a role in the outcome.

But analysts have e

The chairman of USAir, Seth E. Schofield, responded that his airline was prepared to go it alone and would continue efforts to preserve its fledgling return to profitability through cost cuts and changes in its route structure.

After losing more than \$3 billion over five years. USAir has had back-to-back profitable quarters -\$112.9 millioo in the second quarter and \$43.1 million in the third - and has said it will be profitable for

But analysts have expressed doubts that the debt-ridden carrier can sustain the string of profits, especially given that its costs per passenger mile are the highest in

puters. Mr. Gerstner said his company

simple terminals would replace personal

computers. Although he foresees networks,

including the Internet, growing in popu-

larity, he has said people would want to

The debate about the direction in which

computing is moving involves a desire to

set standards. As Microsoft's experience

has shown, a company that can set the

standards for a significant part of the in-

dustry can then leverage its dominance into

related areas. Microsoft's control of op-

erating systems has given it a leading po-

sition in business programs, for example.

manage their own data and programming.

would work on a "network-centric" mod-

"I think they just need to buckle down and get back to the table and get an agree-ment that gets those unit costs down." said Michael K. Lowry, president of Aviation Forecasting and Economics Inc. of Lake Oswego, Oregon. "USAir will have to do it

U.S. Budget Impasse Undercuts Dollar

Coogress to agree on a debt-limit increase exchange manager at Long-Term Credit led to a shutdown of so-called nonessectial government services

The U.S. currency closed at 1.4135 Deutsche marks, down from 1,4180 DM on Monday, and at 101,650 yen, down from

The dollar rose Monday after the Treasury announced bill and note auctions that would prevent the federal government House officials to find a way of raising the from defaulting on principal and interest \$4.9 trillioo ceiling on the U.S. debt.

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NEW YORK — The dollar fell Tuesday the failure of the White House and of the coin, said Dennis Pettit, foreign

FOREIGN EXCHANGE Bank of Japan in New York, "We've made

no progress on budget negotiations, and that's not a pretty picture" for the dollar. Republican congressional leaders convened a meeting Tuesday with White

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Market participants said they were focusing almost entirely on the budget negotiations. 'If a compromise is worked out, and the

chances are 70-30 that will happen, then the dollar will go a little higher," said Karl Halligan, strategic currency trader at CIC Bank New York. If the talks fail, the dollar will fall, he and others said.

Against other major currencies, the dolslipped to 4.8810 French francs from 4.8885 francs and to 1.1402 Swiss francs from 1,1430 francs. The pound rose to \$1,5599 from \$1,5530.

Microsoft Still Bets on Powerful PCs Retailers' Bad News Predicting the eclipse of personal comPulls Stocks Down

Compiled by One Staff From Dupatcher
NEW YORK — U.S. stocks LAS VEGAS — Hollywood, Silicon lower-right-hand corners of the screens that el, in which on-line services would be accessed by easy-to-use terminals that did fell Tuesday after several dis- buy by Hambrecht & Quist. not do much of their own computing. IBM appointing third-quarter earnsheets and datebooks. The assistants, in is planning to ship test models of the devices early next year.

The network-based view is shared by Oracle Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc., stores in October. but Mr. Gates has dismissed the idea that

The Dow Jones industrial av-4,871.81, erasing a gain that vestors on the sidelines

U.S. STOCKS

had taken the blue-chip index the New York Stock Exchange. losing issues ootnumbered gaining ones by a 4-to-3 ratio. The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 6/32, to 107 27/32, taking the yield up to 6.29 percent from 6.27 percent Monday.

after reporting earnings that disappointed investors. Wal-Mart lost 1/2 to 231/4, J.C. Penne fell 1/4 to 46. Wonlworth fell 3/5 to 14%, and Limited tumbled 1 1/8 to 1734. Further pressure on retail stocks came from the Commerce Department's report that sales fell in October for

the first time in three months. 'The retail numbers were horrible," said Peter Anderson, chief investment officer at IDS

Advisory Group. The weakness in the retail sector was a sign that the economy was continuing to slow and signaled to some investors

that the shamp could affect earnings of other companies. Shares in several semiconductors companies fell after Rick Whittington, an analyst at Soundview Financial Group,

suggested that prices for dynamic random-access memory chips were starting to weaken. Micron Technology fell 5.to 56%, Texas Instrumeots fell 1% to 601/2, and Intel dropped 2 to

Communications slipped 1/2 to 961/2 as investors took profit after the company announced a 2-for-1 stock split.

Gandalf Technologies bucked the trend, rising 1% to \$61.625.

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USArr fell 314 to 111/2 after ings reports from retailers and a United Airlines said it would not government report showing make a bid for the carrier. UAL, shoppers stayed away from the parent of United Airlines,

rose 21/4 to 185. The U.S. budget deadlock erage fell 1.09 points, to continued to keep many in-

"We are being held hostage by the political posturing in Washington. said Jack Shaughnessy, research director into record territory again. On at Advest Inc. in Hartford, Connecticut. "The market is remaining cautious until the dust (Bloomberg, AP)

3M to Spin Off Several retailing stocks fell Ailing Units and Cut 5,000 Jobs

ST. PAUL, Minnesota Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., moving to get out of its least profitable businesses will spin off its data storage and imaging systems to sharehold-ers and discontinue its audio and video tape units.

The spin-off will create the world's largest supplier of computer diskettes, data cartridges and color-proofing materials.

The steps will result in a \$600 million pretax charge in the fourth quarter and the elimination of 5,000 jobs in the next 12 months, 3M said.

The action is the largest restructuring in 3M's history and addresses persistent problems that have caused 3M shares this year to turn in their worst performance relative to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index in more than 15 years.

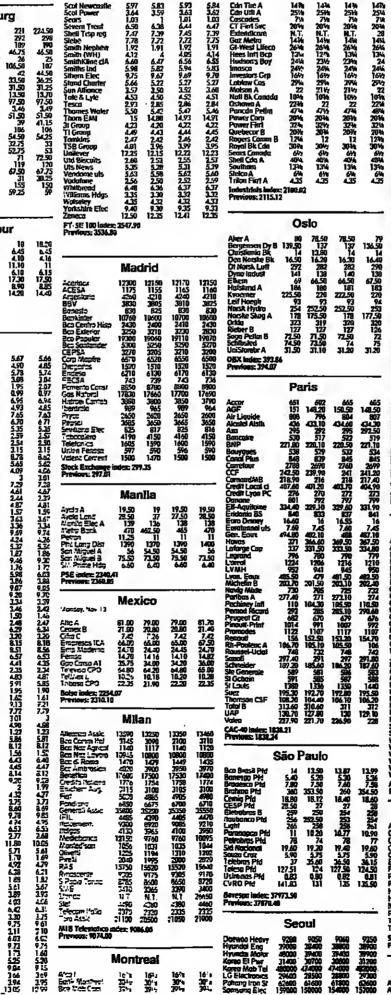
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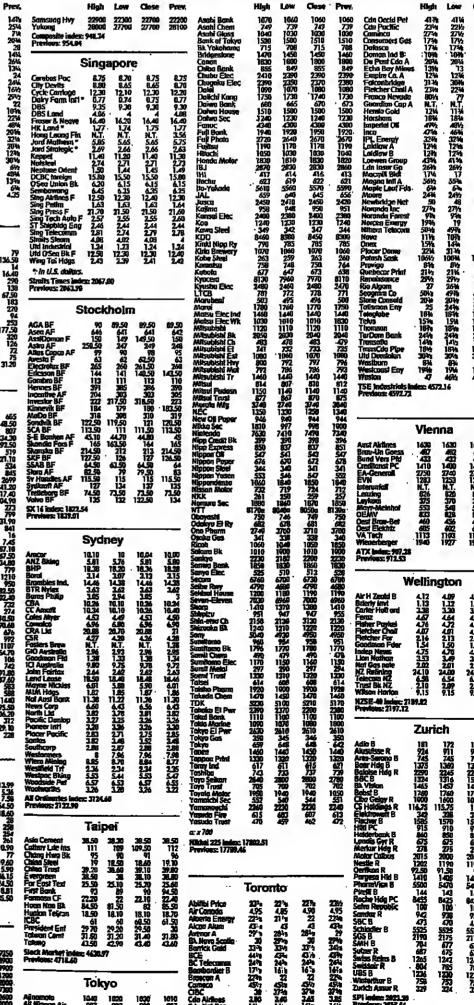
studying all facets of its business, but the decision by the usually deliberative company came sooner than most investors had expected. 3M shares closed \$2.625 higher at

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German 'Wise Men' Fault **High Pay and Strong Mark**

BONN — The government's council of economic expens said Tuesday it saw no likelihood of an economic recovery for Germany either this year or next because of the effect of high wages and the strong Deutsche mark on industrial output.

The independent experts, known as the "five wise men, said in their 1995 annual report that gross domestic product was unlikely to grow more than 2 percent this year, a level that would "not be enough" to reduce Germany's doubledigit unemployment. Last year, the council predicted GDP growth of 3 percent in 1995.

It attributed the lower growth figure to the appreciation of the mark against other major currencies and a round of wage increases that had exceeded rises in productivity.

Weaker-than-expected investment in construction also weighed on growth this year, the report said. In contrast, buoyant construction activity contributed significantly to last year's upswing.

The combination of high unemployment and weaker investment prevented domestic demand

from taking over from exports as the engine of growth, the council said.

'What worries us most is the unemployment and the expected fall in investment," a council member, Herbert Hax, said. He added that what investment there was would mostly be devoted to corporate reorganizations rather than to increasing production.

The report said German unemployment was likely to remain above 10 percent. The council also saw inflation rising to 2.25 percent in 1996 from 1.75 percent this year. But it detected "rays of hope" in Eastern Germany, where production rose strongly and employment increased.

The panel said the cloudy economic outlook had led it to expect little progress in reducing Germany's government budget deficit next year. A revenue shortage this year necessitated emergency cuts in spending.

On interest rates worldwide, the report said there seemed to be little room for lower long-term rates, though money-market rates might fall. (Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

Pechiney Will Go To Market Alone

By Max Berley Special to the IHT

PARIS — Pechiney will be France's first state-owned company to be privatized without a state-appointed stable core of shareholders, the company's chairman. Jean-Pierre Rodier, said Tuesday.

The move reflects profound changes in the funcooning of French-style capitalism as it leaves the aluminum and packaging giant open to a takeover by foreign owners.

The stable shareholder pacts "serve no purpose," Mr. Rodier said.. "The only defense against takeovers is good management and keeping the stock price at the bighest possible level. In the past, the French gov-

ernment has sought to ensure that state-owned companies retain French majority-ownersbip by appointing "core" but said uncertainty about aluminum prices may have prevented the French governfinding any canwere committed to preserving their stake in the company and had to offer their shares to other core shareholders before putting them

on the open market. the core groups by saying maker Renault, probably ear-they prevented flagship ly nest year, would present a French firms from coming under foreign ownership.
On Monday, the French

government announced that of capitalism.

it had given the green light for the Pechiney operation as its last privatization operation of 1995. The sale of the state's 55.7 percent stake in the company is expected to generate 5 to 6 billioo francs (\$1.03 billion to \$1.23 billion) for state coffers.

The shares will be offered to institutional investors at 187 to 215 francs, or about 15 percent below the current market price.

In addition, the company will issue 3.5 billion francs to 4 billion francs of new shares and will merge its aluminum operations with its 67 per-cent-owned packaging arm, Pechiney International. The company, Pechiney, will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts said the low share price and absence of core ment from finding any candidates among France's fi-nancial and industrial groups interested in committing funds to the company for the

A Paris-based analyst said The government justified the privatization of the carly nest year, would present a better test case of whether the government was ready to em-brace "a more orthodox form

long term.

Exchanges In London **Discussing** A Merger

LONDON - The London Commodity Exchange and the London International Financial Futures Exchange said Tuesday they were discussing mergiog by the middle of 1996.

The merger would create the largest futures and options market in Europe by combining Europe's largest center of trading in commodity futures with the world's third-largest financial futures exchange.

The commodity exchange trades futures contracts in goods such as coffee, cocoa. sugar and grains; the financial futures exchange, known as Liffe, deals in derivative financial instruments such as interest-rate futures contracts.

'The aim will be to maximize opportunities from pooled resources in all aspects of the merged organization, including marketing, product development and systems," the Liffe chairman, Jack Wigglesworth, said.

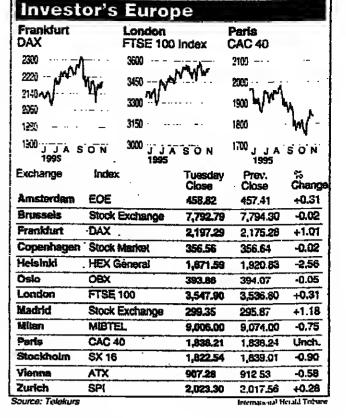
Under the proposed merger, Liffe would acquire all of the LCE's shares at net asset value in cash or in a combination of cash and Liffe shares, The exchanges did not dis-

close a value for the transaction. A British press report said Liffe would pay £9.5 million (\$14.8 million), or £1.17 for each of the exchange's approximately 8 million shares outstanding.

A merger with Liffe would probably end the takeover bid for the LCE by the New York Coffee. Sugar & Cocoa Ex-change, analysts said. That bid was put on hold this autumn after the New York Mercantile Exchange said it would bid for the other New York exchange.

Daniel Hodson, the chief ex-ecuove of Liffe, said in July that the exchange had been talking with the Londoo Commodity Exchange for some time about a partnership.

He said the two London exchanges had substanoally overlapping areas of operations and that 29 of the LCE's 45 authorized floor members had a relationship with Liffe.



Very briefly:

President Boris N. Yeltsin nominated Sergei Dubinin, a former reformist finance minister, to head Russia's central hank. Mr. Dubinin would replace Tatyana Paramonova, who was forced out after Parliament refused to confirm her appointment.

The European Commission cleared Crown Cork & Seal Cu.'s \$5.2 billion purchase of CarnaudMctalbox SA, a transaction that creates the world's largest packaging company.

 Poland ceded control of the state-owned Fabryka Samochodow Osobowych carmaker to Daewoo Motor Co. in an agreement said to be worth more than \$1 billion.

· Rubbermaid Inc. acquired 75 percent of Dom-Plast SA, a Polish plastics producer, in a transaction valued by the brokerage concern involved at 34.6 million zlotys (\$14 million).

 Fiat SpA's Fiat Amo division had increased profitability and revenue in the first 10 months of the year but said the slowdown in the European car market was worrying; the European Automobile Manufacturers Association said the number of new cars registered in Western Europe rose 1.6 percent in October from a year earlier, but registrations in Italy fell 9 percent.

 Celatose, France's biggest maker of diapers, filed for bankrupt-cy, with debts of 84 million francs (\$17.2 million). The company has been hurt by compection from Procter & Gamble Co. and Kimberly-Clark Corp. of the United States.

 Bayer AG agreed to buy Monsanto Co.'s styrenics plastics business for \$580 million. Styrenics are used to make computer housings, automotive parts and construction products.

 Repsol SA's net income in the first nine months rose 33 percent, to 92.15 billion pesetas (\$758 million), primarily because of an improvement in refining operations in the third quarter and continued strong chemical sales.

 BOC Group PLC's annual pretax profit jumped to £402.2 million (\$626.7 million) from £253.1 million a year earlier as the industrial gas and health care company's sales rose 8 percent, to (Bloomberg, AFP) £3.55 billion. AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP

Italian Publisher to Close Il Mondo

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatcher
MILAN — Rizzoli Editori SpA plans to close Italy's best-selling business weekly, Il Mondo, and sell seven other periodicals as part of a restructuring plan after losing 276.2 billion lire (\$172 million) in the first half of this year, Italian newspapers reported Tuesday.

Unexpected losses, still partly unexplained, at Rizzoli contributed to the collapse of a proposed merger between Rizzoli's parent, Gemina SpA, and Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA on Oct. 23.

Officials at Rizzoli, whose most prominent publication is the Milan daily Corriere della Sera, could not be reached for comment.

The newspapers reported Tuesday that Rizzoli had failed to find a buyer for II Mondo and had

azine would close Dec. 12.

The financial daily II Sole-24 Ore said sales of Il Mondo had fallen to 49,000 copies at the end of 1994 from 55,000 in 1991 and that the magazine had piled up losses of 7 billion lire in 1995.

informed union representatives that the mag-

But the full extent of the Rizzoli losses is still unknown. The Milan public prosecutor's office is conducting an investigation to discover whether executives at the publisher tried to hide losses in other divisions on the company's balance sheet.

According to the restructuring plan, Rizzoli Editori will sell the periodicals Bella, Bravissima, Capital, Ecco, Pratica, Quattrozampe and (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Regulators Urge More Disclosure on Derivatives

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By Carl Gewirtz

tional Herald Tribune PARIS — Financial regulators called Tuesday for increased public disclosure of trading and activities in derivatives.

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The aim is to reinforce the tion banks and securities firms regulators own supervisory efforts by making it possible for the general public — investors, depositors, creditors and others - to evaluate activity and performance and decide whether to invest in or do business with the companies involved.

Tuesday's 4 p.m. Close

Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securioes Commissions is only a recommendation as to what informashould be divulging.

But the two supervisory committees made clear their desire to see other financial institudons and nonfinancial compa-

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The statement issued by the same standard of disclosure. "If provided with meaningful information, investors, de-

positors, creditors and counterparties can impose strong market discipline on financial institutions to manage their trading and derivatives activides in a prudent fashion and in line with their stated business objectives," the statement said.

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prices, currency rates or commodity prices. The rapid growth and increas-

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are required to report informaoon about derivatives activities to supervisors, however. Now. the regulators are urging a wider dissemination of the information in the hope that greater knowledge of it will re- age their exposures to other sult in more prudent practices.

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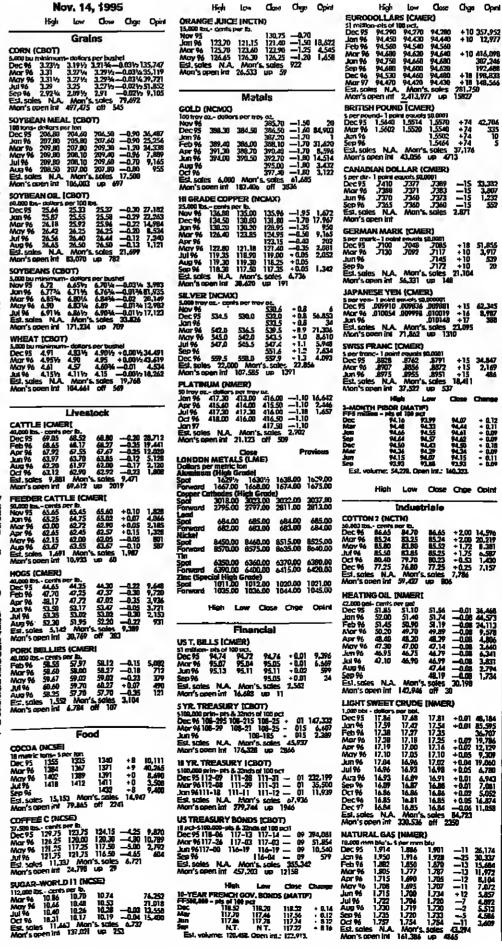
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Traveling to San Sebastián

SITTING ON THE SOFT, clean sands that rim the perfect Bay of La Concha, a visitor can easily picture a Spanish galleon reefiog its full-blown sails as it enters the bay - the pearl of San Sebastián – and glides past the large sentinel rock of Santa Clara.

Donostia-San Sebastián is not a large city, with barely 180,000 inhabitants, but its history stretches so far back that the mists of time have obscured its origins; oo one really knows how old it is. The sea and the mouotains conditioo life in this Basque city, the capital of the province of Guipúzcoa.

Only 20 kilometers from the French border, San Sehastián has oot heen welltreated hy history. An almost ohligatory crossing place between the Iberian Peninsula beeo the victim of various European political intrigues. In 1863, the city walls were destroyed, which io effect helped the city in its expansioo. Apart from that, the last major trauma experienced by the city occurred in 1813, when the resident cuisine. French forces were undersiege and the city was blockaded by the Spanish, Portuguese and British armies. Bombardments and fire, followed by a massacre, left San Sebastián with only 35 of its 600 houses still standing. The population had also beeo decimated, but the survivors banded together and immediately embarked oo the rebuilding of their city, which eveotually expanded beyond its original walls.

The city fathers found that the new coostruction and general expansioo of San Sebastián over the years had brought them to a difficult crossroads. In one direction was an industrial future, which would involve making La Concha Bay ioto a trading port. Another possibility was to turn San Sebastián into a first-class tourist attraction and a business center. In the end, the advent of World War I more or less dictated the route to be taken.

Spain was a neutral country during World War I, and the delightful city of San Sebastián was one of the closest cosmopolitan centers outside the war zone. Wealthy people, aristocrats, politicians, artisans aod many others escaping from the battlefield sought refuge in San Schastian. Thus began San Sebastián's "Belle Epoque" era. Most of the social, cultural, touristic and leisure facilities that the city still enjoys were developed at that time.

San Sebastián has always attracted elite tourists. As far back as 1845, Queen Isabel II was advised by her doctors to swim in the sea there as a cure for herpes. This set a precedent, and the royal court followed her every summer to enjoy the breeze off the Cantahrian Sea.

As successive generations of royal families kept up the tradition. San Sebastian became the political capital of Spain in summertime, and the status of its visitors considerably influenced the way the city developed. Residential areas. luxury hotels. sports facilities, and elite clubs and societies were opened in the city, which quickly became one of the most popular resorts in Eu-

The Belle Epoque began in Paris and came to an eod there in 1914, but in San Sebastián it cootinued for another 10 years or so, to the straios of polkas, waltzes aod charlestons. The fuo came to an abrupt end when gamhling was made illegal and the casinos were closed.

World cooflicts and the Spanish Civil War all contributed to an era of stagnation, and it was oot until the late 1970s and '80s that a new era in San Sehastián's fortuoes brought the glow back to the city. The revival of the tourist iodustry was swift, and even the most optimistic predictions were surpassed. People from all walks of life took the place of the European aristocracy, and tourism facilities adapted to the new clieotele.

The beaches and the Bay and France, it has constantly of La Coocha are still the centerpiece of this fascinating city, but the wide range of attractions also includes a borse-racing track, a casino, an international film festival, intriguiog sboppiog areas and fine restaurants specializing in the famous Basque

Wining & Dining

It is said that man eats and drinks to live, but io Basque country the opposite is true. The enjoyment of good food and wine are coosidered so vital that at the turn of the centory, organizations known as popular societies sprang up. These are basically gastrocomic clubs, and in San Sebastián alone over 50



continue to flourish. A club is usually composed of a large dining room, a kitchen, a larder and a cellar where cider and other drinks are kept. Members meet around a dining table and taste the exquisite dishes that they themselves prepare, invariably followed by a lusty round of popular Basque songs. Membership is strictly limited to men, although the odd ladies' oight is sometimes allowed. The meo do the cookiog, the serving and the eating. Each cluh has more than 150 members, and they are a prominent part of life in San

Sebastián. In such a food-loving city, it is only natural that some of the floest restaurants in the world cao be found there. The two highest-rated restaurants io Spaio are io Madrid aod in San Sebastián. The leading Basque chef, whose restaurant bears his name, is Juan Mari Arzak. His cooking has woo him a long string of international awards.

The sea and the mountains

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A Basque Welcome From The Luxury Collection

both influence the products DESIGNED AT THE BEGINNING OF this century by Charles Mewes, of the Basque kitcheo. Favorite dishes ioclude crab the architect of the Ritz hotels in Paris, London and Madrid, the casserole, baby eels with Hotel Maria Cristina in San Segarlic, bake in green sauce and bream grilled oo a charbastián ranks as one of the world's grand hotels and has coal fire by street vendors oo been a vital part of the social, fiesta days. Chuletas de economic and cultural developbuey, the famous beef chops, ment of the city. weigh more than half a kilo. The Hotel Maria Cristina has

There is also good lamb and the additional distinction of begame, and quail wrapped in ing a member of The Luxurv grape leaves is a specialty. The following is a list of Collection, a unique assembly of 48 of the most exclusive horecommended restaurants. tels in the world recently brought Arzak, Alto del Miracruz together by ITT Sheraton. 21. Tel.: 278 465. Nouvelle cuisine cooked by interna-

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The official languages are

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is spokeo widely, and many

young people speak English.

San Sebastián is a small

city, and visitors have on

problem in finding their way

around. The center of the city lies around the Bay of

La Concha, with the maio

shopping area and restaurants spilliog back inland

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San Sebastián) can provide

San Sebastián is situated

at the mouth of the Urumea

River and is flanked by the

Igueldo. Urgull and Ulia

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well-kept streets and av-

bridges, a traditional fishing

harbor, and fine beaches at Zurriola, La Coocba and

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ter, with the exceptions of

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The former winter headquarters of King Alfonso XIII of Spain, the Hotel Maria Cristina has hosted a long list of royal

families and celebrities, including the Queen of Bulgaria, King Farouk, Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren and the famous bull fighter Antonio Ordonez, to mention just a few of the big names that have taken advantage of the luxury and comfort the hotel offers. During World War I, the hotel became a meeting place for politicians, artists, aristocrats and exiles from all over Europe.

Located in the historic center of this vibrant Basque city, the Hotel Maria Cristina has magnificent views over the Urumea River and the sea and is next to the famous Victoria Eugenia Theater, built at the same time as the hotel. The Maria Cristi-

na's recently renovated 109 rooms and 27 suites are sumptuously decorated in the Belle Epoque style, harmonizing perfectly with the distinguished stone building, whose facade is adomed with bas-relief sculptures. The six elegant reception rooms accommodate up to 670 for meetings or banquets, and a complete range of business services is available for traveling executives.

Guests will naturally want to sample Basque specialties while in San Sebastian, the gastronomic capital of Spain, and they can find the very best at the hotel's Easo restaurant. The hotel's Gritti Bar is a favorite gathering place for locals and visitors, who can relax with a drink to the soothing sounds of live piano music.

There is no end of recreational opportunities in this city with a mild climate, surrounded by beeutiful green countryside. Guests have access to the Royal Golf Club, tennis courts, horse-racing tracks and horseback riding at the San Sebastian Royal Stables. Nearby, there are the beaches, mountains, quaint fishing villages. Biarritz, San Juan de Luz and the Grand Casino. The San Sebastián Airport is only 20 kilo-

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ASIA/PACIFIC

Sony and Intel Team Up to Build Home-Use PCs

TOKYO - Sony Corp., facing shrinking profit in its core audiovisual business, said Tuesday it would begin making home-use personal computers in an alliance with the U.S. chip-making giant Intel Corp.

The two companies said they would release their first PC models in the third quarter of 1996.

The move marks a major change for Sony, which prospered in the past largely by making audiovisual equipment such as television sets and the Walkman audio cassette player.

But in recent months, profit from audiovisual products has plunged because of stiff compecition and sluggish demand in some major markets, even as earnings from Sony's PC-related equipment - floppy disk drives. an analyst at UBS Securities. CD-ROM drives, displays and semiconductors — have soared.

"We will target consumers in general," a spokeswoman for Sony said. 'Our goal is to de-velop a PC which can be operated as easily as a televi-

Analysts cheered Sonv's recognition of a dominant trend in the electronics industry: the integration of audio, video, communications and computing technologies with PCs.
which are undergoing massive an agreement with the State Insales growth in the United

States and Japan. But they said they did not expect Sony to make a quick 1996, according to a Reuters disprofit from the PC business, because price competition sifying worldwide and profit

margins were narrowing.

alliance was good news for In-tel because it would probably mean more sales of its microprocessors under Sony's pop-

ular brand name. But for Sony, it will be hard to make money by just assem-bling PCs from Intel-made

components," he said.
The move marks Sony's entry into the world personal com-puter market. Aside from a small number of workstation computers used in businesses, Sony has limited its computer line to making ootebooks for others, including Apple Computer Inc. and

Dell Computer Corp.
"As PCs move into the home, home electronics makers who do not produce PCs are only destined to drop out of the market," said Yoshiharu Izumi,

Sony said it had not yet decided the type, price or sales and production targets for its home-use PC, but it said it might equip the model with a oext-generation optical disk drive based on the digital video disk standard instead of a conventional compact-disk readonly-memory drive.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

■ NEC Gets China Deal formation Center of China to expand China's first computer network by the beginning of

With an initial investment of 1 amoog PC makers was inten-billion yen (\$10 million), NEC and the Chinese group will expand a network called the SIC-Naoki Sato, an analyst at net to nine cities nationwide, an Merrill Lynch Japan, said the NEC spokeswoman said.

You Just Have to Be There

Economist Tells How to Succeed in Asia

By Edward A. Gargan

HONG KONG --- When James Rohwer was writing about Asia from the genteel surroundings of the London offices of The Economist, he was convinced he knew what he was doing. It

New York Times Service

turned out, he confesses now, that he did not "I realized within three or four months of arriving in Asia that I understood nothing about it at all," he said recently. "The same is generally true about Western business people who haven't set foot here.'

After four years in Asia — three for The Economist, the weekly newsmagazine owned by Economist Newspaper Ltd., and the last as Their backs were to the wall, and they had chief economist for CS First Boston Corp. — choices of fighting or collapsing. Secondly, Mr. Rohwer now seeks to share his epiphany has become, in his words, "the miracle" of was a tremendous amount of American genfree markets and economic development in the erosity.

late 20th century. In a new book, "Asia Rising: Why America Will Prosper as Asia's Economies Boom' (Simon & Schuster), Mr. Rohwer explores the (Simon & Schuster), Mr. Rohwer explores the fundamental causes of Asia's prodigious growth and suggests how the U.S. economy, and U.S. commanies, can benefit.

Tamily-based societies, while the hard work were highly valued.

"And last—and this is the thing Americans have the hardest time understanding—most novel."

His analysis and suggestions might trouble some readers, but that discomfort is essential, he said, if they are to grapple with the complexities of the region.

The successful companies here, he said, are oot the multinationals of the United States and Europe but the great conglomerates of Asia bination of political and social authoritari-that have been built mostly by a vast diaspora anism and market freedom. of Chinese-born business families. In addition, his analysis downplays the role of Japan in Asia, a view that runs counter to most

other judgments about growth in the region. Mr. Robwer is emphatic that his work is not a prescription for American companies, but he does says there is one fundamental lesson that

emerges from his book.
"The biggest single thing for companies to do is to figure out how they can plug them-selves into local conditions," he said. "Mostly that means finding the right partner, some-

one to guide you through that maze in Asia." Yet, he cantioned, "this is very much a book of strategy more than a book on how to do it." Mr. Rohwer said Asia's success depended, of the United States in the same year.

first, on "being open, especially in terms of trade, investment and technology transfer. Second, it is linked to not providing protection - social protection, protection from com-petition, protection from change. And third, it is having a very small role for government. The family is central, and oot government institutions, in absorbing the shock of change."

Across Asia, government spending usually accounts for less than 20 percent of gross domestie product, Mr. Rohwer said, compared with Western economies in which it ranges from 30 percent to 50 percent.

He offers an explanation of this: "These countries were under threats to their survival. choices of fighting or collapsing. Secondly, America's role in the Cold War of defending with Western readers and to explain why Asia them gave them a stable structure. There also

"But far more important was the willingness to protect these countries and absorb their exports. And this was grounded in very strong

places are run by highly authoritarian gov-ernments that, unlike authoritarians in Africa or the Middle East, are actually committed to the national interest

The author ooted that some economies have thrived on the apparently paradoxical com-

In Mr. Rohwer's view, the countries destined to follow this example are Indonesia, which is well on the road to sustained eco-nomic growth, and Vietnam.

The great Asian failure, he argues, is India. which he says has practiced oppressive plan-ning and a cloistered approach to economic development for too long and so has been left

Driving the growth, he said, has been the multitude of Chinese families that turned small businesses into vibrant cooglomerates across Asia. The World Bank estimates that this "greater China" had a gross domestic product of \$2.5 trillion in 1990, nearly half that

Merger Proposed In Mining

Bloomberg Business News

SYDNEY -- Four Australian mining companies led by Normandy Mining Ltd. proposed a merger Tuesday to form one of the world's largest gold producers outside South Africa, with a market value of about \$3 billion Australian dollars (\$2.2 billion).

A merger of Normandy and PosGold Ltd., North Flinders Mines Ltd. and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie Ltd. would create the biggest Australian gold producer and a major international producer of zinc, copper and lead.

The merger is subject to a definiove agreement on terms by each company and to share-holder approval.

"The merger will create a single, world-class mining company with a size and fioancial strength necessary to compete in Australia and simultaneously expand globally," the companies said.

Under the proposal, minority shareholders in PosGold, North Flinders and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie would receive shares in Normandy Mining. Current cross-shareholdings between the companies would be eliminated. The merged entity would eventually float shares of its own.

Robert de Crespigny, chairman of Normandy Mining, would own about 3.5 percent of the merged group. He and Anthony Palmer, chairman of North Flinders Mines and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie, would be the only executive directors of the company, but nonexecutive directors from the four companies would comprise the majority of the board.

The proposal prompted the Standard & Poor's Corp. to say it would reassess PosGold's credit rating. The rating con-cern said the merger had positive implications such as giving PosGold direct access to cash flow from North Flinders and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie and removing structural barri-ers to optimizing the perfor-

mance of each company.

It added that the merger would expose PosGold creditors more directly to the credit risk of the unrated Normandy group but said an affirmation of the company's current rating was "a reasonably likely outcome."



Very briefly:

 Bangkok Bank PLC's net profit in the third quarter rose 6.4 percent, to 4.66 billion bahi (\$185.4 million), as growth of deposits outpaced new lending. Thailand's over-the-counter market began trading Tuesday.

with shares io one property company available through brokers under the officially sanctioned Bangkok Stock Dealing Center. Sahaviriya Sleel Industries PLC posted a third quarter loss of 182.95 millioo baht and eited fluctuations in the foreign-exchange market and in world steel prices.

• Westpac Banking Corp.'s nei profii for the year ended Sept. 30 elimbed 34 percent, to a record 947 million Australian dollars (\$701 million), as provisions for bad and doubtful debts dropped by more than half.

 China's exports continued to outpace imports in October, with the country's trade surplus expanding by \$1.37 billion; the surplus for the first 10 mooths of the year was \$17.78 billion, compared with a surplus of \$5.2 billion for all of 1994.

• China's growth in spending on plant and equipment by state-owned companies slowed in October, reflecting government efforts to curb spending; investment in fixed assets by state firms in October was 107.2 billion yuan (\$12.9 billion), 20.6 percent more than in the like month a year earlier but down from growth rates of 21.8 percent in September and 31.6 percent in August. Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corp., plans to build the biggest film studio in the world outside Hollywood on a prime site

in New South Wales, the state government said. Japan remains the only active player in the Far Eastern zinc market, buying Chinese zinc for duty-free delivery in the first quarter of 1996, traders said; Japanese smelters are expected to buy a total of 50,000 tons of zinc in 1996 and have been approaching Chinese smelting companies in recent weeks to place

• The Export-Import Bank of Japan will participate in lending 11.8 billioo yen (\$115.7 million) to a Vietnamese government-financed cement maker, Ninh Binh Cement Co., along with three other Japanese financial institutions.

Mitsubishi Corp. led the consortium that won a contract to build a new domestic terminal at Manila airport; construction of the 4.53 billion peso (\$173.5 millioo) terminal is to begin next month and is scheduled for completion by December 1997. (Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Reuters)

months ended Sept. 30. They credited higher sales of minivehicles, those with engine displacements of 660 cubic centimeters or less, and cost-cutting,

for the first half of the current financial year.

SALON: New On-Line Magazine DEBT: Japan's New Estimates Continued from Page 15

the Institute for the Future in Menlo Park, California.

"All the major publications have tried to do electronic stuff. They got it right intellectually, know it's different, as but in their hearts they love fiber know it has to evolve." too much. This stuff is going to siphon off the people who are azine hoped to have 15 to 25 most important to the future of

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TOKYO -- Suzuki Motor Corp., and Daihatsu Mobillion yen (\$101.1 million). Sales rose 7.2 perceot, to tor Co. said Tuesday that surging sales of a new class 555.4 billion yen, the highest half-year sales in the of subcompact cars belped them post increased profits company's history. The companies, which are among Japan's smaller automakers, said profit hit a four-year high in the six

Small Vehicles Help First-Half Net at Suzuki and Daihatsu

Suzuki's domestic sales have been buoyed by the popularity of its Wagon-R model. Sales of the small, boxy van have taken off amid a surge in demand for sport vehicles in Japan. The company also said it had

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current, or pretax, profit rose 3.2 perceot, to 10.3 new Move, a sports-utility vehicle unveiled in August. But a drop in compact-car sales and falling exports resulted in an 8.7 percent decline in overall sales, to 315 billion yea.

"We unveiled the oew Move, and that pushed our minivehicle sales up considerably," said Toshio Yoshioka, senior managing director. Sales of minivehicles in Japan rose 7 percent in the

higher exports in the period.

Suzuki, Japan's leading maker of minivehicles, said

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Daihatsu said its current profit rose 9.2 percent, to

Suzuki, Japan's leading maker of minivehicles, said

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"The barrier to eotry has al-

said David Cole, a newspaper industry consultant in San Francisco. "Now the question is, 'Do you have \$75 a month for ISDN - for integrated ser-

Mr. Talbot said he had start-

of the investment, at the request of the sponsors.

"This is like TV in 1948," said Riehard Gingras, director of content and services for Apple's Internet vecture. "We know it's different, and we

advertisers for its "preview" issue, which is due to come out this week.

He said the publication would be free for the moment, but he would not rule out charging for it in the future.

Salon is the first outside investment in electronic publish-ing for both Apple and Adobe. The magazine, which plans

to publish weekly next year and whose Internet address will be http://www.salon1999.com, has found a novel way to spread the word about itself.

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The new figures — which the ministry said were based on reports from financial institutions and local governments, not, as in previous practice, simply estimates - seemed to suggest that the debt problem was not as severe as many foreign bankers had thought.

Some foreign analysts have said bad debts could be as high as \$650 billioo, but Mr. Nakai dismissed those estimates.

reports from all the banks and if their report is a false one, they will be subject to our penalty."

"They are wrong," Mr. Nakai said. "We have collected

Foreign analysts may ques-tion the accuracy of the figures, but many analysts also agreed showing that net operating profits for the six months ended Sept. 30 at all the banks totaled \$33 billion, or nearly 50 percent

Still, the ministry's figures are unlikely to coovince a skeptical foreign banking commu-nity, which recently has oghtened credit and raised the cost of lending to Japanese institutions.

that the Japanese banks would probably report extremely high operating profits. The ministry released preliminary figures

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said Paul Heaton, a financial an-

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Maddux Wins Cy Young

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BASEBALL The Atlanta Braves right-hander Greg Maddux won his unprecedented fourth consecutive National League Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in the National League.

In addition to becoming the first player to win four straight Cy Young Awards, Maddux joins Steve Carlton as the only four-time Cy Young win-

The 29-year-old Maddux, who woo the Cy Young by unanimous votes Monday for the second straight year, was named on all 28 ballots cast by a panel of the Baseball Writers Association of America, including two

writers from each league city.

Maddux was 19-2 this year with an earned run average of 1.63. (Reuters) President Bill Clintoo has invited the World Series champions, the Atlanta Braves, to the White House next month at a date to be set later. (AP)

Strickland Granted Delay

BASKETBALL The Trail Blazers' point guard Rod Strickland has been granted a a postponement of his court case in New York, where he faces assault charges for allegedly striking the mother of his 5-year-old son.

Strickland was arrested last week on charges of assault, menacing and harassment. He faces up to a year in jail if

'The initial shock was a little overwhelming," be said of the charges. "It's been pretty tough, but I'm pretty tough. The most important thing is my family. This doesn't affect me as moch as it affects them. I've been through this before. They haven't."

Pakistan May Lose Star

CRICKET The former Pakistan captain and middle-order batsman Salim Malik is likely to miss this week's second test againt Australia because of a cut hand, the tour manager, Intikhab

Alam, said Tuesday.

Malik faced only four balls before being dismissed for zero as Pakistan capitulated on the fourth day of the first test against Australia, losing by an innings and 126 runs.

The second test starts in Hobart, Tasmania, on Friday. (Reuters)

Sampras Starts Well

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TENNIS Pete Sampras began the defense of his IBM-ATP Championship title with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Yevgeni Kafelnikov in a group match. In the same group, Boris Becker outlasted Wayne Ferreira 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-

Thomas Muster's chances of overtaking Sampras to finish the year No. 1 shrunk after his 4-6. 6-2, 6-3 loss to Michael Chang.



Didier Deschamps playing in a European qualifying match against Poland, is on the French team for the key match against Israel on Wednesday.

ONDON - For many or most of Europe's finest soccer players, Wednesday is the most important night of the year - the last chance for their countries to qualify for the 1996 European

We should now be considering whether lürgen Klinsmann, a German captain playmillion dollars if they win Wednesday

we should warm to the passion that will pit 53,000 Portuguese against 20,000 Irish followers in Lisbon's Stadium of Light.

We should question the fear, the mistrust of undisciplined genius, that makes France serious threat to his leadership emerged. drop Eric Cantona and David Ginola for the contest against Israel in Caen.

These players, and many others, face the ultimate challenge in life: The struggle to peak in body and mind when the need is

Alas, nothing that any performer achieves can mitigate the harm done to their sport by one very selfish old man. Dr. João Havelange, the chief representative of soccer, flew to Nigeria last week to pow-wow with General Sani Abacha at a time when responsible dignitaries gave that murderous place a miss.

Why was Havelange there? He said be had to go to formally apologize for his mistake in depriving Nigeria of the world youth championship earlier in the year.

He was moved, possibly for the first time in his 21-year rule over the world's most populous sport, to beg forgiveness for the error of his own autocratic ways.

They were friends in need, these two dictators. Abacha's regime was about to could come at any moment. hang nine people who stood against them; Havelange is facing his first meaningful opposition within FIFA. Havelange invited mself to Nigeria.

He bowed before the general and admitted that FIFA acted with undoe haste in removing the youth championship from the African country and taking it to Qatar.

You may recall FIFA's oscillaring reasoning at the turn of the year. How Havelange himself "misunderstood" a conversation in Saudi Arabia that led him to believe Nigeria's stadium facilities would not be completed in time.

He wrote suggesting that Nigeria withdraw from hosting the games. When Nigeria responded that its \$70 million building project was on schedule, FIFA promptly discovered the cholera and meningitis scare in Nigeria.

Dr. Havelange told his aides that he would never want on his conscience the illness or death of one young person. When ing for pride and revenge, can conquer Hris-to Stoichkov, whose Bulgars will share a sured FIFA that the epidemic was con-World Health Organization officers astainable, a third objection, security, finished off the Nigerian dream.

Qatar organized the world youth championship at three weeks' notice. And that was the happy end of the story as far as Havelange was concerned until, this fall, a

Lennart Johansson, the president of UE-FA. Europe's soccer authority, had challenged Havelange to operate as his mandate requires through the committee structures of FIFA and oot autonomously as is increasingly his wont. The European with African and Asian backing produced Vision One and Vision Two, documents calling for greater accountability, greater transparency, greater democracy in the vital decisions of FIFA.

"The first person to see Vision One was

the president (Havelange)," said Johansson last week. "He weot through the roof!" Havelange's refusal to be reined in, his dismissal of the very notion of democratic discussion, turned Johanssoo's vision into a manifesto for opposition.

Last week, on his 66th birthday, young

Johansson declared he would run against the almost octagenarian Havelange at the next opportunity. That, ostensibly, is 1998, but the way things are going the challenge

Beleaguered, Havelange returned to Africa, whose bloc vote had helped elect him in 1974 and since. He has given to Africa: more places at the World Cup, more and more Coca-Cola-backed courses and coaching programs. He never expected to lose favor there. Yet Issa Hayatou, president of the African Football Confederation, backed Johansson's Swedish visions. Vision Two proposes a rotation of World Cups between the four continents.

Havelange, looking for friends and sup-

porters, made his move. His flight to Nigeria might never have happened had he not summarily sacked FIFA, which might have counseled otherwise.

The officers were removed, without proper consultation, by Havelange because he believed they plotted a challenge to his leadership over a year ago. He won that contest unopposed, routed the would-be opposition, and walked into the committee room with his own typed list of officials to fire and new men to hire.

TEEBLY, the executive acquiesced. But the backlash of Visions was born and Johansson, though not a naturally ambitious man, was persuaded that he alone had the credentials to oppose the overlord.

Now I have put up, I shall not go away," Johansson said last week. "You know. I was given for my birthday a pair of red boxing gloves which someone sug-gested should have the name Havelange on them. But no, I write only Vision One and

Havelange went to Nigeria without a andate, and without shame, and in return for General Abacha bestowing on him the title of Chief Havelange (the award Ekwueme means "the man who promises and delivers"). Havelange promised he will grant Nigeria the next world youth championship in 1997.

Very soon oow he will hear that he cannot do that. It is pledged already, to Malaysia. and FIFA executive members will no longer blindly follow the aging leader.

To make a promise to Abacha, he breaks one to Malaysia. To court votes in Africa, he jeopardizes support io Asia.

The man is very old. His grip is fading.

and not before time. He still is wily, still has a hold over some members. His misjudgment in Nigeria is monumental; he has alienated more Africans than he has pleased.

This week, a few hours after Chief Havelange returned from Nigeria, the Nigerian national team was forbidden to play in a four-nation tournament in South Africa, starting Saturday.

Sport, as usual, is the first mark made against tyranny. The first sanction, the first sacrifice. Soccer is presented with a choice - follow João Havelange or Nelson Man-

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times

Courier, Well-Read, Is Now Well-Balanced

By Christopher Clarey Special to the International Herald Tribuna

FRANKFURT - Jun Courier, one of the rare tennis stars who seeks to improve his mind as well as his groundstrokes, will not be reading on Wednesday when he plays Thomas Enqvist at the ATP Tour World Championship.

not to his liking. 'Have you seeo me with a book since

then?" be askedon Monday.

Courier whipped out the work in question—"Maybe the Moon" by Armistead Maupin—in 1993, reading the oovel on changeovers during a round-robin loss to dent, and it was quickly interpreted as proof that Courier, once the exemplar of focus and the Puritan work ethic, had lost his motivation along with his grip.

Courier denied all this at the time ("I have results spoke louder than his pursed lips.

Number one in the rankings at the end of 1992, he fell to number three at the end of 1993 and oumber 14 at the end of 1994, suffering losses to lesser players and flirting

with an extended break from his sport. Courier is doing better now. Though this season probably will be remembered as the year two his American peers, Pete Sampras

Flinders Park to Flushing Meadows, it also is worth remembering what Courier has accomplished. In a most Darwinian sport, he has succeeded in reversing evolution.

1994, he has won four in 1995. Most tellingly, after a mediocre June and July, he has hampionship.

lifted his game in the second half of the have slowed the indoor game. Aces remain a season: a time when he has faded in the past. regular occurrence, but baseline rallies gray skies and gray suits. The results were After reaching the semifinal at the U.S. Open, he has played with purpose and enthusiasm throughout the indoor season and has earned back his place in this tournament reserved for the world's top eight players.

Though the edge is clearly off this event because of Agassi's late withdrawal with an injured pectoral muscle. Courier clearly Andrei Medvedev. It was a gesture without has regained his edge, and that is good precedent in a sport with plenty of prece-news for a sport in need of sympathetic. intriguing characters. Orange juice and lots of sex," Counter

said, when asked to explain his resurgence. Courier can be quite funny. Sarcasm is his specialty. It is also his defense mechanism, oever been more concentrated"), but his and, when all is not quite right with his world, the sarcasm turns forced and brittle.

"I think if you ask people around me. they'll tell you that I'm real zig-zaggy," he said. "I run hot and cold."

There are several reasons why he is now running hot. One is his decision to remove 10 grams of lead tape from his racket before the U.S. Open. This has allowed him to whip his racker through the ball more

and Andre Agassi, duked it out from quickly and regain some of the trademark punch missing on his groundstrokes. "I knew all along, I had a problem," he

said. "We were trying to correct it, but I couldn't quite find it. I took the tape off, After failing to win a single tournament in and after three balls, I knew. I was thinking, 'Where has this been?"

Also different surfaces and heavier balls Courier's forte — are the rule.

Finally, there is attitude. After the oncourt angst that characterized much of the past three seasons, Courier says convincingly that he feels refreshed and relaxed. Winning certainly improves one's mood, but so does maturity, and the young man who never appeared entirely comfortable in the spotlit role of number one, appears to have achieved a truce with the computer that coldly spits out the rankings each week.

'I read a good quote from Pat Riley: 'Success is oever final'," Courier said."The clock is always ticking. Someone is always working harder than you. Number two is always trying harder than number one. Maybe that's why I couldn't revel in being at the top. I was trying to get to number zero. It's not so much that I was looking behind me. When I was number one, I knew people were clawing to get there. It was more that I was trying to get better than one."

Imagine then how difficult it must have been for Courier to be reduced to trying to get back in the top 10.

"If you ask me, Jim has been in an ongoing state of denial," said Courier's his former coach Brad Stine at this year's U.S.

For the moment, Sampras is the one trying to get to oumber zero, and it is Sampras, more than any other player, who has kept Courier from flying higher in 1995. They have played four times, twice in the Slams, and Courier has lost every match: a fact that surely rankles. In years gone hy, that might have been enough to make his sarcasm turn brittle, but not this year in Frankfurt. "He's quite a player, no doubt," Courier



Jim Courier adopts a baseball batter's stance during practice in Frankfurt.

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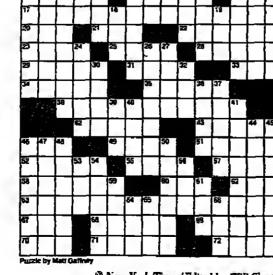
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On the Road to Baltimore Browns Derailed in Detour to Pittsburgh

The Associated Press

It's hard to imagine two cities fighting over the Cleveland Browns. They won't move until next season, but their offense already seems to have deserted, and their chances of winning the American Football Conference Central Division might not be far behind.

Yes, the Browns are on the road to Baltimore, but the trail apparently does not run through the end zone - and, for the rest of the division, the path to the playoffs again leads through Pittsburgh.

"Right now, the (move) should be of no consequence to this football team," said Dana Hall, a Cleveland safety, after Pittsburgh took a two-game division lead over the Browns with a dominating 20-3 victory. "Where we play doesn't make coverage. He promptly reany difference. We were play-versed field and ran nearly the ing for first place, and to play like this - it hurts.

Oh, the Browns (4-6) put up a fight against the suddenly streaking Steelers (6-4), who have won three straight to put some distance between them and the Browns and Bengals.

But by the time the Steelers yards. rookie quarterback, Kordell By Stewart, had badly upstaged his Cleveland counterpart, Eric

get on different agendas, and it is starting to show," said Pepper the faithful 1,000 or s Johnson, a linebacker. "The land fans home early. coaches see it on film, and the ugly thing is that some of the players know it, too,"

But there won't be much to see in this film - more penalty yards (89) than rushing yards (77) and only one Zeier secondhalf completion.

Stewart, the former Colorado University star who had been used at wide receiver, finally threw his first NFL pass Monday. Taking the snap on thirdand-goal from the two yard line in a scoreless second quarter, Stewart rolled to his right and found his intended receiver, Yancey Thigpen, in double width of the field to the left sideline, where he finally found Ernie Mills in the corner of the

end zone. Stewart proved that earlier in the drive with a 11-yard reception on a third-and-11 play, and be also carried twice for 13

By contrast, Zeier, called perhaps the most exciting rookie in Browns history by the Zeier, and Erric Pegram had team's owner, Art Modell, only the Steelers tackle Justin Strzel-restored the run to Plttsburgh's two weeks ago, could not run, czyk said. The show of solidarity

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offense, the Browns' only pass or hide. He finished seven-fighting was with words. for 19 for 67 yards and was "We have people starting to only one-for-18 in a dreadful second half that sent many of the faithful 1,000 or so Cleve-

> No Solidarity by Fans Pittsburgh Steelers fans found a use for those orange armbands they were asked to wear in empathy for their Cleveland counterparts.

They used them to wave good-bye to the Cleveland Browns - maybe forever. So much for the Steelers

fans' supposed sympathy for Cleveland's loss of its beloved Browns to Baltimore, and the end to one of the NFL's great rivalries. The compassion lasted only as long as it took the Browns to take the field for pregame warmups. B-0-0-0-0!

The Browns-Steelers rivalry is rare— the two cities with similar steel-town heritages are divided only by 140 miles of interstate asphalt. That's why supporters of both teams spoke beforehand of a mutual show of solidarity, perhaps wearing the armbands, as a Pittsburgh radio station suggested.

"I knew Steelers fans would never wear the Browns' colors,'

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Dermontti Dawson leading way to end zone for Steelers' quarterback Kordell Stewart.

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The rivalry is different," said a former Steelers tackle, Tunch Ilkin, now an NBC analyst. "I played 15 times in Cleveland.

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creation than apopular actly once. It was always cold, groundswell of pro-Cleveland nasty, hateful and hostile — I nasty, hateful and hostile - I loved it. I remember the first time I took the field there for warmups, and somebody threw a battery at Dwight White. I said. Browns' tickets will command

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Stockton Leads Jazz Past Droopy Raptors

John Stockton scored 15 of his 29 points in the third quarter and added two late free throws

NBA ROUNDUP

that snapped a tie as the Utah Jazz defeated the slumping Toronto Raptors, 103-100. With the score 99-99, Stock-

ton hit a pair of free throws to give the Jazz the lead with 1:33 remaining in Monday's game. of two free throws to pull the Raptors within a point, but Utah's Adam Keefe made a layup for a 103-100 advantage six before Brooks capped the with 5.5 seconds to go.

Toronto's Tracy Murray give Dallas a 79-71 edge. missed a three-pointer at the buzzer, sending the expansion club to its sixth successive loss after a victory in its first game.
"It's the little things that are killing us, but we're going to be

okay," Murray said. "We ve got to keep our heads cool at the end of the game. We

never quit, that's one thing I'm happy with," he said.

Mavericks 94, Orizzlice 88 In Vancouver, Scon Brooks scored five of his seven points in a fourth-quarter run and Jason Kidd added 26 points as the Dallas Mavericks overcame a horrible shooting performance

to defeat Vancouver. Dallas led, 70-69, with 9:25 to play before Brooks sank a three-pointer with 9:04 remaining. George McCloud and Jim Then Alvin Robertson hit one Jackson made two free throws

apiece to make it 77-69. Bryant Reeves scored a basket to pull the Grizzlies within run with a pair of free throws to Kidd hit a pair of baskets in a

9-2 run late in the fourth quarter that put the game out of reach. Dallas shot 27.7 percent from the field, making just 26 of 94 shots. Greg Anthony scored 19 for Vancouver, which has lost five games after starting the season



Karl Malone of the Jazz passing over Raptors' defense.

Kings Swamp the Ducks

Reuters Wayne Gretzky and Tony tests.

Granato each had a goal and two assists and Kings' goalie Jamie Storr stopped 32 shots as the Los Angeles Kings cooled lead for good. off their local rivals the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, 4-2, on Monday.

assist for Anaheim, which had

won six of their last seven con-

Gretzky's goal with 4:07 left in the second period snapped a 1-1 tie and gave the Kings the

Gretzky launched a slap shot from the top of the right circle. fonday. beating the Mighty Ducks, Paul Kariya had a goal and an goalie, Guy Hebert, high to the stick side.

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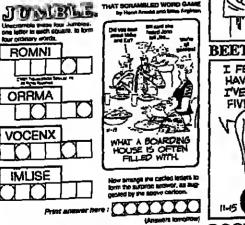
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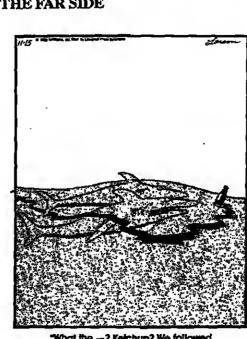








THE FAR SIDE



What the -? Keichup? We follow





A Fashion Mystery

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Here is a prefer Prada and Gap. wonderful, haunting pho-Again and again I tograph. It shows 31 persons grouped outside a place in New York's East Village identified on its awning as Limbo. It is probably a coffee house; what sketched on the awning.

Knowing too much would

spoil maners, however, for it is a interesting: Of those 19 men, not picture filled with mysteries. Who are these people? Why do they look so freshly soaped and scrubbed? What are they doing occupying two full pages (60 and 61) in the Sunday New York Times Magazine?

Are they simply fashion models showing off the latest in expensive casual dress? Not according to the identification chart. It identifies 4 as editors, 12 as writers, 3 as poets and 2 as literary agents. The owner and manager of Limbo are also there, as well as a film producer, a curator, a photographer, a producer-arranger, a publisher, an artist and a filmmaker.

The 31st person is identified only by oame, Susannah Kowal. My guess is that, if these are all either suspects or potential victims in a murder mystery. Susannah Kowal is an innocent autograph collector who crashed this party of media stars with dreams of fattening her col-

lection and is going to regret it. However, the suspicion persists that this may not be a juicy whodunit in progress, but just another scam by an unscrupulous fashion editor who will stop at nothing to make us pay outrageous prices for the right to look stylishly shabhy.

This suspicioo is fed by the few words of print accompaoying the mysterious picture: "Dig those crazy threads. The

beats expressed their angst in chinos and black leather jackets. Their East Village heirs

Again and again I go back looking for clues to what's going on here. There are 12 women, 19 men. Most of the men look to be the same age, between 26 and 27 years old. All the women appear looks like a coffee cup is to be 21 except for a few crones

> But stay! Here is something one is wearing a necktie. Something very suspicious here: No matter how weird a group you fall into, there are always a couple of necktie wearers.

And only 2 of the 31 are smoking. Sinister as the group looks en masse, they are sissies. like people who live dangerously, but here they are, scarcely out of childhood most of them, and already determined to be old a

long, long time.

If they look ominous, even menacing — and they do — it is only because of the predom-inant hlackness of their appearance. In another age we would have recoiled from those black shirts, black sweaters and black jackets as the uniform of Mussolini's thuggish hlackshirts.

And what do you know about this! These clothes are not cheap. For instance, here's a writer wearing a \$1,695 leather jacket. Do you know, friend, what writers make per annum on average? Per lifetime? \$1,102.67. This \$1,695 jacket wearer is not Tom Clancy, either.

Here's a poet — a poet! — wearing a \$1,320 jacket. One thousand three bundred and twenty. Dollars. A poet? Personally, I wouldn't be surprised if, when the lid blows

off this thing, it turns out Susannah Kowal did it. New York Times Service

Born to Buy? A Collector's Eccentric World View

By William Booth ashington Post Service

late 20th century. His idiosyncratic and giddy mega-million-dollar binge but exhilarated and almost broke, or ever seen anything like this." at least mooetarily challenged.

inheritance - matters not to Wolfson, who holds somewhat cosmic views on the meaning of money and its value. He is the collector's collector.

For almost three decades, Mitchell Wolfson Jr., 56, took his vast wealth and traveled the globe, obsessively, releotlessly, often in his own railway cars or aboard freighters, accumulating one of the most intriguing and personal art collections in the world.

will get to see what Micky bought, at the Wolfsonian, as he christened his new museum, in its inaugural ex-hibition, "Designing Modernity: The Arts of Reform and Persuasion 1885-1945." Starting next year, the exhibioon will go on tour until 1999.

It is a curious and challenging show, filled with as many ideas about mass culture, progress and propagan-da as it is with objects. On display are 258 of the more than 70,000 things Wolfson bought during his very ac-

For while other major collectors were hidding on brand-name Cézannes, van Goghs and Picassos during the art boom of the 1970s and 1980s, Wolfson, a former diplomat and current bon vivant, was hunting much more eccentric quarry.

Enormously wealthy fat cats in South Florida tend to purchase hockey teams. Wolfson bought nude paintings by Hitler's favorite artist, suraerodynamic martini shakers. Queen Victoria's casket (unused), avantgarde purple-cushioned Dutch furni-ture, bookshelves shaped like both democratic and totalitarian, as fascism and communism.

skyscrapers and children's puzzles de-picting Italy's invasion of Abyssinia.

As the museum smff rushed to pre-MIAMI BEACH — To say that pare the Wolfsonian for its grand Micky Wolfson was "born to opening, Wolfson entertained reshop," as the popular bumper sticker porters and photographers, mugging reads, does not begin to describe one for pictures and wandering around the for pictures and wandering around the of the greatest buying sprees of the exhibit rooms, stopping often to exclaim, "Oh my, now this is incredible! I hate to be pretentious, but this left Wolfson not exhausted and broke, is really a masterpiece. Nobody has

He stands, for example, before a But the money spent — a good writing desk, bites on the stem of his chunk of his \$84 million Wometoo eyeglasses, pats his little Buddhistic eyeglasses, pats his little Buddhistic belly and arches a bushy eyebrow.
"This is unbelievable," be begins.

"For this is not just a beautiful

And then be announces: "Nothing bere is what it seems!"

Consider the Italian writing desk. Built when there was an international embargo against Fascist Italy, the desk is not wholly constructed of steel and glass (the preferred materials of And for the first time, the public the day), but of what the Italians could get hold of. And so the piece is mostly made of aluminum and fiberglass, very unusual for the time.

It is, therefore, more than a work of art. It is desk as political statement. The desk and its designer describe a place and a time. The desk is art, but it is culture.

Wolfson elaborates: The Wolfsonian show and his warehouses filled with still-unrevealed objects focus on the role of design at the dawo of the modern age. "Design" is seen as an agent for change, for commentary, for propaganda — not only for Mussoli-ni, Hitler, Stalin and Uocle Sam (who all used eagles and hammers and machines for propaganda purposes) hut also for art movements, the Czech constructivists, futurism, art moderne and the rest.

Wolfson describes the idea as "the messages that objects reveal," meaning the things he collected over the of the world from the agrarian to the years are oot merely great works of realist books, WPA mural studies, art by artists, but stuff - games, posters, murals, furniture, books and knickknacks from the Hindenburg—



The very acquisitive - and almost broke - Micky Wolfson.

viewed themselves and the rapidly changing planet.

The period during which Wolfson lifestyle. Buying was an adventure. amassed his vast collection—and he he avoided the "games" at the aucis still buying, even as he promises his banker and accountant not to tracks the tremendous transformation industrial. Between 1885 and 1945 came the rise of mass communication (telegraphs, telephones, radios), mass transportation (steamships, trains and airplanes) and mass movements, such

For Wolfson, collecting was not a diversion, not an indulgence. It was a

high style around Europe, eating and drinking with his dealers and friends. sniffing around castles and basements, meeting underground dealers of Nazi art at 3 in the morning.

Wolfson was the third and last child of Frances and Mitchell Wolf
A long pause. He turns his head,

son Sr. His father was the son of a Key
West merchant who built an entersays, "Yesssess."

called Wometco, which owned movie theaters and TV stations. When his father died in 1983, Wolfson and his sister sold the company. Wolfson's share, reportedly, was \$84 million.

He was flush. As a young man, he studied European history and the liberal arts at Princeton University and then earned advanced degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington. He spent a few years with the State De-

partment, rising to the post of vice

And then he quit. Life was too short, he has told friends and reporters, to sit at boring embassy dinners.

consul in Genoa, Italy.

Returning from his buying trips, Wolfson began filling up the Washington Storage Co.'s hulking 1926 deco-style building in Miami's South Beach. Crates and more crates.

The Wolfsonian is actually a converted warehouse. One day, Wolfson's accountants explained to him that he was spending a fortune in storage. So Wolfson bought the building and spent at least \$12 million on a massive renovation. Today, the museum and research institute sports state-of-the-art security, lighting and climate control.

Wolfson still owns his collection. which is on 10-year loan to the Wulfsonian, an institute he has almost single-handedly huilt and supported, but one to which he now is donating less and less money. Three million. Then 2 million last year. Now maybe a million next year.

He says it is now up to the Wolfsonian and the public to pay for the institute and the upkeep of the collection. Wolfson says he is moving on. At the end of this month, he will begin tion houses. Instead, he tramped in a nine-month trip around the world. He ticks off two dozen cities he will visit. He wants to see the rebels in Timor. The Tsing Tao beer factory in China.

POSTCARD

In New York, the Public Library Goes On Line

By Carey Goldberg
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It is not enough anymore for a library just to lend out a few million books. That is, amends Paul LeClerc, president of the New York Public Library, books are still of the essence and long will be. But with the new vistas opening in cyberspace, "We're moving away from this almost fetishistic obsession with the object itself. Now what counts is to be able to get to a thing where it resides, and technology lets you do that.'

public on line — bringing democracy to New York's cyberspace by providing free first time, electronic access to the entire

Library officials call the new \$9.5 mil-

Europe

the largest information network in a public only 9 percent of which offer Internet aclibrary. Known as Leo - for Library Entrance on Line, but with a nod to the Leo also lets people get onto the Internet library's signature lions — it includes a anonymously, allowing searchers to gather vastly upgraded new system for keeping information oo illnesses or problems as track of the library's 50 million holdings.

Up to oow, in five branches, patrons had to use a crude computer system to find a title; in the other 77 branches, they had to riffle through a printed book catalogue.

Now, with 221 personal computers inchild in the street," LeClerc said. stalled throughout the system, they can find

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lioo computer system introduced Tuesday electronic forefront of America's libraries, cess to their patrons, library officials said. untraceably as if they had browsed through a book in the library's great reading room.

This is one of the giant first steps for New York into a global information system accessible to the average man, woman and

The on-line services put New York at the information haves and have-nots."

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PEOPLE

TEWELS belonging to the divorced wife of the Aga Khan, at the center of a twoweek legal hattle between the couple, fetched nearly twice their estimated price at a packed auction in Geneva. Christie's said the 238 lots in the sale, cleared by a Geneva court over the Aga Khan's protests, were all sold for a total of 31.2 million Swiss francs (\$27.68 million), commission paid hy the buyer included. Estimates for the collection of Prlocess Salimah were around \$15 million, and experts said the dispute had clearly helped attract heightened buyer interest. The court, after initially granting the Aga Khan an injunction, finally ruled that the sale could go ahead -"What we're doing," LeClerc said, "is minus 23 minor items in which he had

> The surge in popularity of cheap yet chic fashion in the past year was underlined by the 1995 winners in the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards, The New York Times reported. The Perry Ellis awards for new talent went to Marie Ann Oudejans, the stylist and designer for the trend-setting Tocca women's label, and to Kate Spade for her handbags. Tommy Hilfiger won the menswear designer award. Most items from Hilfiger. Oudejans and Spade can be had for less than \$200. Other awardees included Ralph Lauren, Richard Tyler, the design label Richard Edwards and Tom Ford. The Lifetime Achievement award went to Hubert de Givenchy, and a special award went to Bill Blass for humanitarian leadership. Suzy Menkes, the fashion editor of the International Herald Trihune, won the Eugenia Sheppard Award

> for excellence in fashion journalism. Princess Diana will give her version of her broken marriage to Prince Charles in an interview to be broadcast next week. Charles gave his account in a televised interview in June 1994, insisting that he had been faithful until the marriage broke down. And he confirmed to his interviewer that he had had an affair with an old friend. Camilla Parker Bowles. The BBC's one-hour broadcast on Monday evening is distilled from an interview at Diana's Kensington Palace home this

Anna Nicole Smith was released from a Los Angeles hospital after a week's stay for

month, the BBC said.



François Curiel of Christie's Geneva auctioning Princess Salimah's jewels.

returned to her home," a spokesman said. citing irreconcilable differences. They private location." Smith, 27, was widowed in August when her multimillionaire husband, J. Howard Marshall, died at age 90. and she is battling the Marshall family over his estate. In Fehruary 1994, Smith was hospitalized after mixing prescription drugs and alcohol, the Beverly Hills police said.

Cindy Crawford and John F. Kennedy Jr. are the two people American men and women would choose as their dream date. according to a poll by Newsweek magazine. Supermodel Crawford was followed hy Janet Jackson and the actress Pamela Anderson, while Kennedy was ahead of actors Denzel Washington and Brad Pitt. When the 775 respondents were asked who among a list of a dozen celebrities they would choose to have lunch with, Colin Powell came first, followed by Tom Hanks and Pope John Paul II.

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'She will, instead, be convalescing at a have been married for just over two years. Lawrence rose to stardom in 1991 with the hit "Socks And Stones."

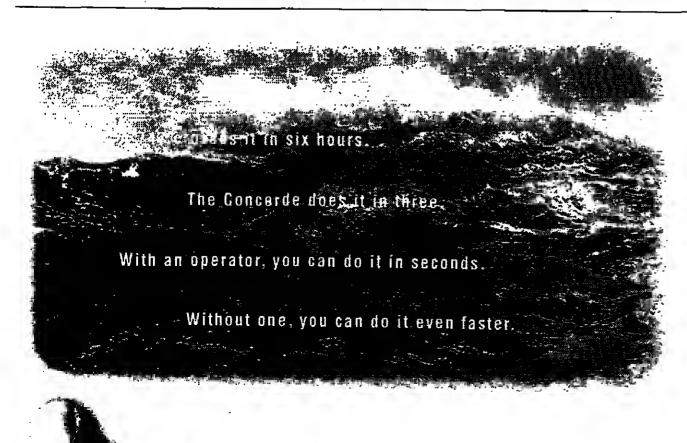
> An anti-porn campaigner has called for a ban on the first British television screening of the hit movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral" because Hugh Grant swears in it, but the channel has refused to back down and bleep him. "In the first three minutes there is nothing but a stream of F-words and that cannot be justified." the media cleanup campaigner Mary Whitehouse complained to the Independent Television Commission. But a spokesman for Channel Four Television said: "We will not be using bleeps to cover any of the words. . . . They are editorially justified in the context

Samuel J. Danishefsky and Gilbert Stork, two Columbia University pmfessors whose research helped develop new The country singer Tracy Lawrence and medicines, will receive Israel's top prize in

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